

# Th<sup>concordia's</sup>ursday Report

Vol. 16 No. 25 April 16, 1992

## Getting down to Earth (Day)

Children of the Montréal area are getting serious about the environment at an early age. Since the first Earth Day was organized 22 years ago in California to promote environmental consciousness, it has grown into an international event attracting more than 100 million participants in more than 140 countries.

The objective of Earth Day, which is celebrated April 22, is to make the average person aware of her/his role in preserving the environment. Seminars, peaceful demonstrations and public gatherings make the issue highly visible on April 22, but Earth Day organizations around the world are working year-round to further the cause.

In the 1970s, supporters of the movement were mockingly called tree-huggers, but by the time Earth Day celebrated its 20th anniversary in 1990, it had won widespread acceptance, according to Earth Day Québec President John Kohos.

CTR is marking Earth Day with this issue featuring articles related to the environment.



PHOTO: Barbara Davidson

### INSIDE

#### Fascism in Montréal 3

A new book by Italian Professor Filippo Salvatore looks at the influence of fascism on the daily life of the Italian community in Montréal in the 1920s and 30s.

#### Swing into Spring 5

A distinguished group of faculty, outstanding graduates and local jazz stars, led by Music Professor Charles Ellison, will provide the evening's entertainment at Swing into Spring, a special event to raise funds for library acquisitions.

#### Earth Summit 7

Concordia student Désirée McGraw has been chosen to be one of two official delegates to the 12-day international United Nations Earth Summit in Brazil to address the world environmental crisis.

NO ISSUE NEXT WEEK

## We should do as the Romans

by Silvia Cademartori

Today's environmentally conscious society could learn a thing or two about forest preservation and dry-land farming from ancient Rome.

History tells us the Romans were imperialistic plunderers. Less well known is the fact that the Romans literally worshipped the ground they walked on.

History Masters graduate Keith Adams talked about the ancient Romans and the environment in a lecture at Lonergan College last month. His was the first in a series of faculty and student seminars sponsored by the Classics Department.

### Forest spirits

"Because the Romans were pagans, they believed spirits lurked everywhere, in the land and in crops," explained Adams. "Therefore, the Romans were almost afraid of tamper-

ing with nature and knew its limits more than our so-called ecologically aware society. Silvanus was worshipped as the god of trees. Forests were sacred."

In the second century, the emperor Hadrian wrote what may have been the first forestry protection laws. He carved onto stone tablets 100 inscriptions prohibiting the cutting of four kinds of popular hardwood trees in Lebanon, after forests were nearly decimated by other empires. Roman emperors also prohibited the clear-cutting of forests, and levied stiff taxes on farmers who used land for grazing animals.

"Today's society believes humans can control and conquer nature. We think science can better nature. The Romans saw themselves as part of nature. They had a healthy relationship with nature, realized its limits and adapted their methods of production to accommodate it. If our society thought likewise, we wouldn't be clear-cutting the South American rain forest or the British Columbian forest."

As well as farming on their own con-

tinent of Europe, the Romans farmed the arid lands of North Africa from the second to the fourth century. They ruled North Africa from about 146 BC until 300 AD, growing olive trees and enough crops to feed their families. Forests once

See **ANCIENT ROME** page 12

### To err is human...

Human error was at fault last week when two sentences of the letter to the editor from Professor Elaine Newman about the April 3 open Senate meeting were left out inadvertently in the process of typing the original into the computer.

See page 8 for a reprint of the letter.

It is advisable, whenever possible, to submit letters to the editor on disk, particularly when they are lengthy, and **especially** when they have missed the Friday deadline.

— DGV





## FF THE CUFF

edited by Bronwyn Chester

## British voters distrusted Kinnock, says Tittler

**Off the Cuff** is a weekly column of opinion and insight into major issues in the news. If you are a Concordia faculty member and have something to say "off the cuff," call CTR at 848-4882.

Like most observers of British politics, **Robert Tittler** was surprised by the Conservative Party's victory in the recent general election. Tittler, professor of English history, had expected the Labour party to win.

"I was shocked and surprised at the election result. My sense of what happened is distant since I wasn't there, but I think the Conservatives won because of the considerable amount of distrust for [Labour Party leader] Neil Kinnock. The middle-of-the-road and uncommitted voters, at whom Kinnock aimed his campaign, felt that he was too slick, that he'd trimmed his sails too often, that he couldn't be trusted to keep his word. He may also have lost some of his left-wing supporters who felt that he had sold out on the issues of privatization and unilateral nuclear disarmament.

"I think in this election voters preferred something familiar and benign to something unfamiliar and possibly dangerous. [Conservative Party leader and Prime Minister] John Major succeeded in getting it across that electing 'that socialist' might be dangerous.

"The Prime Minister, on the other hand, had greater personal appeal than Kinnock, and was able to distance himself from (former prime minister) Margaret Thatcher. The very strong personal antipathy we saw toward Thatcher is not present with Major. Even the people who don't like him politically don't dislike him personally.

"While Major, like Thatcher, is not part of the doctrinaire, old-line Tories, he does not rub it in like she did. He is a high school drop-out born to circus acrobat parents whose first job was pouring cement. He is a self-made man and is seen as a decent, hard-working guy."

# Laundering water with light and — toothpaste?

by Barbara Black

If scientists could wave a magic wand over polluted water to restore its purity, they would. In fact, a wand is being developed in Concordia's Chemistry Department, although it's not yet ready for waving.

For a decade, Professor Nick Serpone and his colleagues have been working on the use of semi-conductors to destroy toxic material in water. (Metal is a conductor of electricity; wood isn't. Semi-conductors fall somewhere in between.) The benefits, in this dirty world, would be enormous. So are the challenges to making the idea workable.

The principle is deceptively simple. When light is applied to a semi-conductor in an aqueous solution, many organic and non-organic toxins in the solution are rendered harmless.

If you pass the solution through a filter, you can even see the results of this chemistry with the naked eye, because the semi-conductor used in experiments is about the size of a grain of sand. Depending on the particle that has been oxydized or reduced, it can change colour. Gold, for example, turns

a beautiful purple.

In nature, of course, water is full of impurities. There may be plant and animal matter, plus all manner of trace metals, either naturally occurring or resulting from human carelessness, so the filtered result would show particles of a variety of colours.

Serpone and his colleagues, however, are running experiments on one kind of material after another in isolation, in order to observe and measure the results. They have tested various herbicides and pesticides, gold, silver, platinum, palladium, nickel, copper, mercury, lead and zinc. Every one of them is either destroyed, or at least removed from the solution, by the combination of light and a semi-conductor. Every one except zinc, which, fortunately, won't hurt you.

A variety of semi-conductors work in photo-reactor engineering, as it's called, but the best is titanium dioxide (titania for short). It's used to provide the pigment for white paint. It's in toothpaste, too, so obviously it's not toxic. The researchers get their supply of titanium in its active state, before manufacturers apply silicone to make it effective in paint.

Serpone's latest experiments, over the

See POLLUTION SOLUTION page 12

# Burying nuclear waste may be safest solution

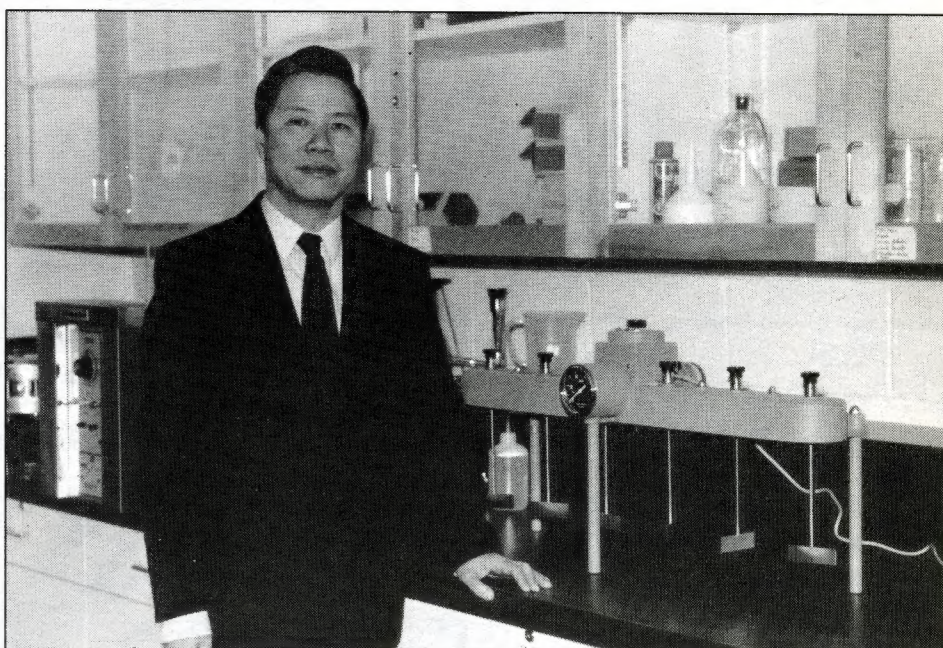


PHOTO: Edmund Wong

Civil Engineering Professor Steven Cheung is an expert on the safe disposal of radioactive waste.

by Silvia Cademartori

Concordia has gained an internationally respected expert on radioactive waste disposal. In September, one of its graduates returned as a professor of Civil Engineering, with an 11-year track record in the nuclear waste industry behind him.

Steven Cheung spent 11 years at the AECL (Atomic Energy of Canada Limited) Whiteshell Research Laboratories in Pinawa, Man., developing sealing materials for storing radioactive waste underground. Cheung's research was one facet of AECL's feasibility study for storing radioactive waste in vaults under the Canadian Shield.

Canada generates about 15 per cent of its electricity in Candu nuclear reactors fuelled with natural uranium dioxide. Ontario generates approximately half of its electricity with nuclear power, while Québec, rich in hydro power, has virtually no nuclear programme.

## Shield stable

About 13,000 tonnes of radioactive waste lie in storage in bay pools at the reactor site. Radioactive waste is being produced at a rate of about 1,800 tonnes per year. The solid, radioactive waste, also known as spent fuel, can remain in bay pools for up to 20 years, but the question is what to do with it afterwards.

"AECL is evaluating the safety of burying nuclear waste in vaults underneath the Canadian Shield using a multiple barrier method," explained Cheung. "Scientists are studying the natural geological formations of the Shield to determine if and how much radioactive waste it can contain."

The Canadian Shield is a complex of

ancient rocks with its centre in Hudson Bay. It covers a huge area, about half of Canada's land mass. It was chosen as the likely site for nuclear disposal because it has been one of the most stable geological formations in the world for at least 600 million years.

It would take from 10 to 20 years to build the vault, which could be anywhere from 500 to 1,000 metres deep. It would store the existing radioactive waste and all the subsequent radioactive waste produced in Canada up to the year 2015.

## Vault four km square

"The proposed vault, about four kilometres square, would consist of 480 disposal rooms, each providing space for 300 containers. The total capacity of the vault would be about 200,000 tonnes of used Candu fuel," said Cheung. A 1969 BEng in Civil Engineering from Sir George Williams University, Cheung got his MEng and PhD in Civil Engineering from McGill. He has spoken at nuclear waste symposiums in Europe and China.

"The rooms would be about 200 metres long, 8 metres wide, and 5 metres high. The used-fuel containers, made of titanium, would be placed in holes bored into the floor of the rooms and filled with bentonite clay and sand. The rooms would then be backfilled with granite and bentonite."

Acting Chair of Physics Nelson Eddy keeps abreast of research in nuclear physics and environmental radioactivity. He believes the proposal is the best one Canada has for disposing of nuclear waste.

"When you consider what the other options are, I can't think of a safer place to store radioactive waste. Some proposals suggest putting waste in outer space, dropping waste onto ice caps in the Antarctic, and direct sea dis-

See RADIOACTIVE WASTE page 12



Professor's book examines influence of fascism on Montréal's Italian community

# Fascism found friends and foes in Montréal

by Eve Krakow

In the heart of Montréal's Little Italy is the parish church Madonna della Difesa (Our Lady of the Defence). Inside, a fresco behind the altar shows the pope, the Holy Spirit, missionaries, and, among other members of the Italian Fascist party, Benito Mussolini.

This has intrigued Filippo Salvatore, professor of Italian literature in the Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics at Concordia. "How come, inside a church, we find Mussolini riding a horse? It's very unusual, to say the least."

For his new book, *Le fascisme et les*

*italiens de Montréal: une histoire orale* [An Oral History of Fascism and the Italians in Montréal], Salvatore interviewed 13 prominent Montrealers, Italians and non-Italians, to determine the influence of fascism on the daily life of the Italian community in the 1920s and '30s.

The Casa d'Italia, the Italian community centre on Jean-Talon St., provides additional proof of this influence. Above its entrance is a depiction of a bundle of rods with an axe, a Roman symbol of political authority which was adopted by Mussolini. Inside, a marble inscription glorifies Mussolini and fascism.

Today, this glorification of fascism may be surprising, even offensive. Historically, however, Mussolini and his policies were well regarded until his

invasion of Ethiopia in 1936 and his pact with Hitler in 1938.

In 1929, the French-Canadian clergy's support of Mussolini was heightened when Mussolini allowed Catholicism to become the official religion of Italy. He was thus seen as its saviour. For

English-Canadians, Mussolini was the man who saved Italy from the communists.

Mussolini's fascism leaned heavily on traditional nationalism, and relied on the economic ideology of corporatism,

See IL DUCE page 14



PHOTO: Barbara Davidson

The fresco behind the altar of Madonna della Difesa depicts religious icons and Benito Mussolini, among other members of the Italian Fascist Party.

## Efficiency beats conservation in fight to save energy

Energy efficiency means continuously improving quality of life while lowering energy use or cost

by Susan Gray

The new buzzword in energy consumption talk is efficiency. Gone is the emphasis on conservation.

"It's a very hot topic and a very interesting one," said Building Engineering Professor Radu Zmeureanu of his area

of expertise, energy efficiency in buildings and HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) systems.

"There's a lot of industry interest in the area, and based on what I've already achieved, there's a big potential for me to achieve most of my objectives."

Zmeureanu teaches in the Centre for Building Studies, a vibrant, interdisciplinary centre with direct links to industry. His own research is community-based.

"I'm trying to be involved with local industry, to find out what the problems are. Based on what I find, I determine new research directions."

In the past couple of years, Zmeureanu said, energy efficiency has surpassed energy conservation in importance. Energy efficiency means continuously improving quality of life

See EFFICIENCY page 13

## AT A GLANCE

by Donna Varrica

Concordia is a vibrant collection of people, places and activities. At-a-Glance is one way to discover some of what is happening here. This column welcomes your submissions.

- Congratulations to the winners of the 1992-93 competition for Post-doctoral Fellowships, awarded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC). The fellowships were awarded to 139 of Canada's most promising scholars, representing more than 25 disciplines in the social sciences and the humanities. Concordia's winning scholars were **Daniel M. Cere** (Religious Studies), **Dolores F. Chew** (History), and **Christina De Simone** (Education).
- Communication Studies Professor **William Buxton** and Post-doctoral Fellow **Charles Acland** recently presented a paper titled "Depressed ... or Even Backwards: A Rockefeller Officer's Impressions of the Maritime Provinces, April 1942" at the Annual Meetings of the Atlantic Anthropology and Sociology Association in Halifax last month.
- **Terrill Fancott**, Associate Dean in the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science, has been appointed to the Conseil d'administration of FCAR for a second three-year term.
- Sociology and Anthropology Professor **Chengiah Ragaven** addressed the McGill Anti-Apartheid Committee last fall, speaking on "South Africa's Transition to Democracy — Some Questions." In February, he spoke to the Concordia Anti-Apartheid/Central America Committee in celebration of the ceasefire in El Salvador and the second anniversary of the release of Nelson Mandela. He delivered the paper "The Future of South Africa." Later the same month, he spoke to the AKAX (Also Known as X, a Black rights group), on the topic of slavery and apartheid.
- Philosophy Professor **Vladimir Zeman** last month presented the paper "Multiple Knowledge Representations in Interactive Instruction" at the International Conference on Technology and Education. The paper was prepared with Education Professors **Parker Mitchell** and **Gary Boyd** and Computer Science Professor **Peter Grogono**. Also, Zeman was one of two invited speakers to evaluate the role of Comenius at the Czecho-Slovak Consulate in Montréal.
- During *le mois créole* in Montréal, Études françaises Professor **Mair Verthuy** presented "Une écrivaine de la rive sud de la Méditerranée." At an international conference at the University of Victoria on *Vian, Queneau, Prévert* which she helped organize, she gave the paper "Hommes de Paris dans leur appartement, d'après Delacroix et Picasso." With **Lucie Lequin**, she presented "La double ou triple appartenance de l'écriture migrante," at the annual meeting of the Société des professeurs français et francophones d'Amérique.
- In the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, the following faculty members have received SSHRC grants: **Susan Hoecker-Drysdale**, **Homa Hoodfar**, **John D. Jackson**, **Christine Jourdan**, **Henri Lustiger-Thaler** and **Bill Reimer**.
- Philosophy Professor **Vincent McNamara** has had his translation of the book, *A Defense of Representative Government: Lectures on Political Right* by Juan Donoso Cortés, published by Captus Press. McNamara also provided the introduction and notes for the book.
- Administrative Services Librarian **Joy Bennett** has been appointed as the Advisor to the Vice-Rector, Institutional Relations and Finance. She will divide her time between the positions. In her new capacity, Bennett's responsibilities will include fundraising and advancement activities for the Libraries, as well as the collective bargaining process at the University.



# LETTERS

T O T H E E D I T O R

## University must also meet responsibilities

✉ To the editor:

I was moved to write to you by Christopher Howlett's letter (*CTR*, March 19) in which he outlines his problems with a computer science course. I sympathize with his plight.

As much as he is held responsible for rules and regulations by virtue of signing his registration contract, the University must also meet its responsibilities. Those responsibilities include that the course is as advertised.

The instructor will ensure that he or she is present to teach as required by their collective agreement. A reasonable delay should be allowed so that the student and instructor can verify that the course is appropriate.

Finally, the University is morally obliged not to punish one of its students because the university has failed to meet its obligations.

Lou Chapman, BA, 1979

## Concordia's Thursday Report is interested in your letters, opinions and comments.

Letters to the Editor should be signed and include a phone number. If at all possible, please submit the letter on computer diskette. Limit your letter to 500 words. The Editor reserves the right to edit for space considerations although the utmost care will be given to preserve the core of the writer's argument. Send Letters to the Editor to BC-117, or fax 848-2814. Letters must arrive by Friday noon prior to Thursday publication.

## concordia's Thursday Report

Concordia's Thursday Report is the community newspaper of the University, serving faculty, staff, students and administration on the Loyola Campus and the Sir George Williams Campus. It is published 28 times during the academic year on a weekly basis by the Public Relations Department of Concordia University, 1455 de Maisonneuve Blvd. West, Montréal, Québec H3G 1M8 (514) 848-4882. Material published in the newspaper may not be reproduced without permission. The Back Page listings are published free of charge. Classified ads are \$5 for the first 10 words and 10 cents for each additional word. Display ad rates are available upon request. Events, notices and ads must reach the Public Relations Department (Bishop Court, 1463 Bishop St., Room 115) in writing no later than Monday noon prior to Thursday publication.

ISSN 1185-3689

**Editor** Donna Varrica  
**Faculty Reporters** Barbara Black  
Silvia Cademartori

**This Issue:**

**Contributors** Bronwyn Chester, Sylvain Comeau, Johanne De Cubellis, Marc Elias, Susan Gray, Wayne Hiltz, Eve Krakow and Ken Whittingham

**Photographers** Charles Bélanger, Barbara Davidson, Moritz Gaede and Edmund Wong

**Typesetting** Richard Nantel, Productions PICA 761-6221

**Printing** Inter-Hauf Developments Inc.



REAL EDUCATION FOR THE REAL WORLD

*A quick, economical way to communicate*

## 'Long live E-mail': professor

✉ To the editor:

As bystanders, many such as myself were intrigued recently by the series of E-mail messages on controversies in Mechanical Engineering (*CTR* April 2). But while some seem to have objected to E-mail being "abused" for such purposes, I didn't think it was "abuse" at all. To the contrary, E-mail has always seemed like a great way to have rapid, economical communication concerning any matter of importance within the University, and perhaps now it has come into its own. Since it is public and the senders are readily identifiable, responsibility/accountability is easily maintained (if you think someone has unjustly accused you of something, you sue them!).

E-mail is non-polluting (vs. paper-gobbling junk mail which Concordia still has plenty of); it is of little nuisance; we just "delete" it when it's not interesting or too wordy. You don't have to reply immediately or even at all, as with a phone call. It's much faster than the week or so delay for the *CTR*. It can be used during the summer when *CTR* is not published and when secret or unsavoury activities are rumoured to occur to avoid publicity. And it sure beats committee meetings where you can't politely walk out if someone drones on forever. On the other hand,

the more people use E-mail, the better we get to know them, warts and all; much better than at the annual cocktail party.

In the present instance, there are messages of more than ordinary significance being E-mailed, but so much the better! Why waste the VAX with unimportant matters? Now, at least, a large part of the university can sense that there may be a serious problem to sort out and will await with interest the dénouement. The February 1969 Computer Crisis surely taught us that conflict is *not* best handled by keeping something quiet and allowing it to fester until it explodes. Much better for the University

administration to organize a good round of mediation, if necessary with an outside mediator acceptable to both sides (CAUT?), and if *that* doesn't work let someone take someone to court.

As far as the University's "reputation" is concerned, I say "not to worry" — if there did turn out to be a real scandal it would just put us up there in the league with the Rockefeller and the Stanford Universities of this continent. Every place needs "glasnost" on a constant basis, otherwise it has to resort to a samizdat or rumour. So long live E-mail!

Anthony Hilton  
Psychology

## Board yet to approve funding of re-election

✉ To the editor:

Since April 3, I have been asked on at least two occasions why CASA is funding the "re-election" campaign launched by the Democracy Petition.

To my knowledge, there has yet to be board approval for such a financial transaction.

In asking Nick Kaminaris, V.P., Finance, CASA, he has replied that no such transactions have been discussed or authorized by the CASA Executive. Yet the rumours continue to circulate, especially in light of a judicial board meeting held April 5 at which Thomas Dowd was present.

I wish to know why these rumours persist ... and ask the CASA Executive to convene an emergency meeting to deal with this issue, and to issue a public statement concerning the CASA Executive's intent.

In the meantime, if anyone has any questions with regard to the above, please come forward. I am available to answer any questions to the best of my ability, or refer you to others who can do better than I.

Janet Mrenica  
President,  
Concordia Accounting Society

See pages 8 and 10 for more Letters to the Editor



*Big band dance offers something for everyone*

# 'A whisper to a scream'

by Barbara Black

Holders of tickets for the Swing into Spring Extravaganza are in for a treat. The band which will entertain at the May 2 fund-raiser for library acquisitions is no ordinary pick-up affair, but a tight, highly polished team of Montréal's best jazz musicians.

Music Professor Charles Ellison has put together a classic big band of faculty, outstanding graduates and local stars to provide the kind of live dance excitement oldtimers wistfully remember and youngsters can only dream about, or glimpse in the current recordings of Harry Connick, Jr.

Swing, the full-bodied, rhythmic yet romantic sound of three trumpets, three trombones, five saxophones, four percussionists and one eminently hip vocalist, ruled the dance halls, nightclubs and airwaves of the 1940s. But Ellison, who teaches courses in jazz history and language, says its roots lie in the brilliant musical pioneer days of the early century.

"With this kind of music," he said, "one can express oneself in the widest dynamic range, from a whisper to a scream."

## No grassroots esthetic

Ellison grew up in Tennessee and worked as a trumpet-player in Chicago. He came to Montréal with a band after a year of duty in the Vietnam War, and fell in love with the city. Now devoted to passing on the jazz gospel to young Montrealers, he is fully aware of the challenges.

"Montréal has the International Jazz Festival once a year, and a programme in each of the four universities," he said, "but this is not a grassroots jazz town. The universities keep it alive."

The reasons? For one, there's the economic climate, which makes it hard to establish clubs where Montréalers can hear live jazz. Then there's the history of Montréal, which was one of the great jazz cities of North America until crime made the city unsafe and a reforming young mayor called Jean Drapeau effectively wiped out a musical legacy.

Ellison says you can also blame the low priority we give arts education in Québec, where creativity is prized, but paradoxically, music gets less of the education budget than anywhere else in Canada. Some CEGEPs do provide a solid introduction to music, however, and the universities build on that.

## Recognition at last

Jazz crept up from the social underclass, and despite its commercial popularity in the '40s, it has taken many years to achieve real respectability.

Ellison is a charter member of the

See **BIG BAND** page 13



PHOTO: Charles Bélanger

Charles Ellison (left) puts the Swing into Spring 'not ready for prime time' organizing committee through rehearsal: Employment Equity Coordinator Kathleen Perry on drums, Advancement Officer Robert Eschenasi on guitar, Budget Director Irvin Dudeck on contrabass, Public Relations Officer Sharon Bishin on vocals, and Advertising Assistant Sandra Spina on saxophone. Actually, the real band is made up of faculty, outstanding graduates and local jazz stars.

## Universities are chided for withdrawing from public debate

# Educators play increasingly 'marginal role'

by Ken Whittingham

Canadian universities should play a more active role in addressing the major issues facing society, according to *Le Devoir* Publisher Lise Bissonnette.

Universities are in danger of becoming irrelevant because of their absence from the public stage, she said.

A recent American study showed that the public's confidence in institutions of higher learning has plummeted in recent decades from 56 per cent to 25 per cent, and the situation in Canada is probably very similar, she added.

Much of that lack of confidence results from the unwillingness or inability of universities to take stands on public issues.

And it's not just women and men on the street who feel this way. "Universities themselves are starting to feel that they are playing a marginal role in the major changes affecting the world."

Bissonnette made her comments at Concordia during last week's three-day meeting of the National Association of University Board Chairs and Secretaries.

The meeting was jointly organized by

Concordia Board of Governors Chairman P. André Gervais and Secretary-General Bérengère Gaudet, and their counterparts from Montréal's three other universities.

The speakers at the annual conference included Québec Higher Education and Science Minister Lucienne Robillard and Concordia Rector Patrick Kenniff.

## Guarded public statements

Bissonnette conceded that the concept of collegial decision-making and the heterogeneity of today's university milieu can make it difficult and time-

consuming for institutions to formulate positions.

"The consultation process sometimes seems endless," she said, "and traditional university spokespersons have neither the mandate nor the autonomy to speak as freely as they once did."

"Your dependence on governments and private donors to keep yourselves afloat financially often means that your public statements must be guarded and diplomatic, but there is often safety in numbers," she told the Board heads.

"You should follow the example of Canadian business leaders. They used

See **MARGINAL ROLE** page 12

## Groome Committee

# Open hearing slated for April 21

As reported last week in *CTR*, the Groome Committee (the ad hoc committee on the revision of rules and procedures for evaluation committees and advisory search committees) has agreed to hold open hearings.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on April 21 at 8 a.m. in the GM Building in Room 403-2. The agenda is as follows:

8 a.m.: Chairman of the Board P.

André Gervais will be speaking in response to an invitation from the Committee.

8:45 a.m.: The Sub-Committee of the Arts and Science Search Committee for Dean will speak.

9:30 a.m.: The Sub-Committee of the Engineering and Computer Science Committee for Dean will speak.

— DGV



# Cree, environmentalists outsmart Hydro officials

*Environmental and native groups mounted a grassroots public awareness campaign*

by Silvia Cademartori

The collapse last month of New York's \$17-billion hydro-electricity contract with Québec comes on the heels of a widespread, well-calculated environmental campaign against the Great Whale project.

"The government obviously didn't think environmentalists and the Cree could raise so much awareness," said Geography student Jane Barr, who last week defended an honours paper on the influence non-governmental organizations have had on the Great Whale project.

"The new environmental movement is more sophisticated and its supporters are highly educated. Hydro-Québec was unprepared."

The cancellation is the latest in a series of setbacks for Hydro which date back to the late 1980s.

Three years ago, the state of Maine cancelled a proposed \$15 billion hydro-electricity deal with Québec. In 1991, New York delayed signing a \$17-billion deal with Québec until this year, when they outright cancelled it. Most recently, legislative committees in Massachusetts considered a bill that would halt investments in Hydro bonds by the state's pension funds.

Environmental and native groups mounted a grassroots public awareness campaign in the U.S. in the late 1980s, which steadily gained momentum when American environmental groups such as the Sierra Club lent their support.

- On Earth Day 1990, a group of Cree paddled across the Hudson River to Manhattan, where Cree Grand Chief Matthew Coon-Come spoke to a crowd in Times Square.
- A Ban the Dam concert was held in New York last year, attracting celebrities such as Meryl Streep and Robert Redford.
- Cree and environmental groups ran a controversial ad in the *New York Times* last year warning of a "Catastrophe at James Bay."

"Clearly, Cree lobbying against the project has put pressure on Americans to reconsider buying Québec hydro power," said Geography Professor Robert Aiken, who sits on the proposal committee to establish a Graduate College of Environmental Studies. "If the provincial government says otherwise, it's likely just political posturing."

"Québec Cree were up-front with Americans about our culture and they actually listened to us. Our issues came before politics and economics," said Robert Ottereyes founding member of the Assembly of First Nations at Concordia. "Public opinion is our main tool."

## Decreased consumption

"That is one aspect," said Frank Muller, coordinator of the Environmental Studies Proposal Committee. "But we have to consider that the demand for electricity didn't increase as Hydro-Québec estimated. The public is just not consuming as much electricity as it once did. Politics and economics are very much involved in the contract cancellation."

The only remaining hydro-electricity export deal Québec has left of the original \$40-billion package is a \$6-billion deal with Vermont.

"I think Hydro-Québec is too embarrassed to cancel the whole 3,168-megawatt Great Whale project. There is a lot of lobbying going on in

Québec by labour unions who want it to proceed for political and economic reasons," said Barr.

"I have seen the damage the first

phase of the James Bay project has done to our hunting, trapping, and fishing," said Ottereyes, from Waswanipi, near James Bay. "The Eastmain River, which

used to run for miles, has been diverted to La Grande River and Eastmain is now virtually a creek. [Premier Robert] Bourassa's dream is a Cree nightmare."

## James Bay debate sparked catcalls and jeers

*The future of Hydro-Québec's proposed \$13.1 billion hydro-electric plant on the Great Whale River has been uncertain since New York Governor Mario Cuomo cancelled a \$17 billion hydro-electricity contract on March 27.*

*The School of Community and Public Affairs sponsored a debate at the Henry F. Hall Building Faculty Club last fall on the Great Whale hydro-electric project. The debate, marked by frequent audience outbursts, catcalls and jeers, mirrored the deep divisions surrounding the issue of northern development.*

by Sylvain Comeau

There were activists, bureaucrats, native leaders and business leaders, and they came to talk about the Great Whale project.

Their opinions were as diverse as their backgrounds. The debate was moderated by CBC television news anchor Dennis Trudeau.

"Greenpeace believes that conservation and preservation of the environment could be more aggressive," Marc Chénier, a Greenpeace activist, said in his opening statement. "We call for a moratorium on all new energy projects until we have a real public debate on the issue, so power can be given to the people instead of where it is now."

In contrast, Richard Le Hir, Vice-President of the Canadian Manufacturers Association, portrayed the project as the most practical course for the province to meet its energy needs.

"Hydro-electricity is the energy production method least risky for the environment and it is the most economically beneficial, because we have already developed the technology. If we don't produce our own, we would have to not only import energy, but import the technology as well."

He pointed to the two-per-cent per year projected increase in Québec home energy consumption.

Chénier countered that by saying the two-per-cent growth in energy consumption will come from aluminum smelters and export contracts to New England.

## Demand decrease

Bill Namagoose, Executive Director of the Cree Grand Council, argued that there is actually a decrease in energy demand.

"Even if we do consume less electricity, stop industrial development, and refuse to sign more export contracts, we'll still need additional generating stations sooner or later," replied Stella Lemay, Environmental Advisor to the Vice-President of Hydro-Québec.

The size of the area to be flooded by the project was also a point of contention throughout the debate. Lemay contradicted the well-known Greenpeace ad printed in the *New York Times* which



PHOTO: Moritz Gaede

**Appropriation of native lands: learning from the mistakes at Oka?**

See DEBATE page 11



Concordia students off to Rio for UN Earth Summit

# A woman with a mission

by Silvia Cademartori

A 12-day international United Nations Earth Summit to address the world environmental crisis will take place in Brazil this June, and a Concordia student will be there as an official delegate.

Désirée McGraw, a student of Economics and a member of the School of Community and Public Affairs, was appointed last November as one of two Youth Ambassadors to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), also known as the Earth Summit. She and the other Youth Ambassador, who is from Tunisia, were appointed by the Secretary-General of UNCED.

## Promote awareness

McGraw's role is to promote public awareness of the Earth Summit and to encourage youth participation in decision-making forums and conferences. She will also develop follow-up programmes to encourage youths to implement Summit principles.

She was contacted in New York, where she was attending the final preparatory meeting for the Summit, which will be held in Rio de Janeiro from June 1-12.

"Being part of a mega-UN conference like this one is an eye-opener. I took a year off school because I think I can learn more from my role as Youth Ambassador than I can learn from being in a classroom. I have an opportunity to travel around the world and speak to people my age about my environmental concerns, and in turn, I get to hear the concerns of other youths. No matter what country we are from or what background, we are all worried about the same thing — our

future."

McGraw's schedule is hectic, "but rewarding." Between Feb. 29 and March 11 she was in New York for a Summit preparatory meeting, in mid-March she travelled to Vancouver for the Globe 92 business conference, and at the end of March she was in Costa Rica for the Global Youth Forum for UNCED. Her expenses are covered by the United Nations, but she doesn't draw a salary.

## Delegates bicker over key areas

The Earth Summit will take place in June as planned despite failed United Nations negotiations this month in key areas, although agreement was reached on dozens of subjects.

Delegates representing some 160 countries could not agree on the most important issue, who would pay for environmental cleanup costs in Third World countries. It is estimated that developing countries will need \$125 billion U.S. to start cleaning their own environment.

"Documents that are adopted in Rio can't be implemented if we don't have a financial commitment from developed countries," said Désirée McGraw, who attended the final, crucial UN preparatory meeting in New York on April 3-4.

Areas that were agreed upon at that meeting include agriculture, fresh water resources, and the role of women and native people in incorporating environmental concerns into the world's economic structure.

The U.S. is being blamed for stonewalling a global warming agreement. Also cast aside was an agreement to cut down on deforestation. The only binding convention left to sign in Rio is one concerning bio-diversity, or sustaining and encouraging diverse plant and animal life.

Nations did agree upon Agenda 21, a blueprint for ecologically sound industrial development, but they don't agree on how to pay for it. The Earth Charter, a statement of environmental rights and responsibilities, was downgraded to a conference declaration.

"Public awareness of the Summit has undoubtedly been increased, even if it's negative publicity," said McGraw. "If we apply pressure to western countries, we may be able to negotiate a new deal before Rio."

McGraw wrote a letter to U.S. President George Bush following the last UN meeting, asking him to reconsider his government's hard-line stand for the sake of future generations.

Informal bilateral meetings will take place between now and June to try to reach agreements with hold-out countries.

—Silvia Cademartori,  
with files from AP/CP

## Global commitment

The goal of the Summit, the largest conference on the environment since the 1972 UN Stockholm Conference, is to mark a global commitment to environmental management and sustainable use of the earth's resources. Between 60 and 100 heads of state or government, including Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, are scheduled to attend. More than 30,000 delegates and observers are also expected to be there. The total budget for the Summit is \$30 million, of which the UN is contributing \$15 million. The remaining \$15 million is being raised through contributions from governments and other agencies.

McGraw is a long-time environmental activist. When she was 16, she went on the SAGE Tour for disarmament which took her across this continent and to the former Soviet Union. Two years later, she participated in the International Youth for Peace and Justice Tour of the Arctic, where she spoke to local communities. She's also a recipient of the Terry Fox Humanitarian Award, and serves on the board of Head and Hands, a local youth organization.

## Will to act

"The success of the Summit depends largely on citizens around the world. If everyone says the Summit will be a failure, governments won't feel the



PHOTO: Barbara Davidson

Désirée McGraw has been a peace activist and environmentalist since her teens. She takes a few minutes off before embarking on her mission.

pressure to implement the Summit proposals and agenda," said McGraw, referring to recent media reports that Summit delegates can't agree on documents. "If we are united in our pressure to make governments feel responsible and if we take the Summit seriously, I believe governments will do something concrete."

Beth Hunter, a Liberal Arts College student in her final year, was at the Costa Rica Global Youth Forum with McGraw. Hunter was partly sponsored by the International Students Office and by the Dean of Students Office. The Forum drafted a declaration on environmental development to be presented in Rio.

## Stonewalling

"The whole process made me more skeptical about the tangible results that can emerge from Rio. There has been a lot of stonewalling in the preparatory committees and I have to wonder what action will finally be taken. A lot of the documents are not binding."

McGraw is embarking this month on a public awareness campaign throughout North America.

"Citizens must be the enforcers. When the Summit is over, citizens must take the message back home with them that they expect their governments to

act. I realize if the Summit is forgotten, governments alone will not enforce the agreements."

## Observer group

A group of Concordia students may be attending the Summit as observers. Political Science Professor Everett Price is organizing a cultural exchange trip to Sao Paulo, Brazil, which coincides with the Summit dates. Up to 30 Concordia students may participate in the trip. John Ernst is one.

"It could be a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Who knows if there will be another Summit like this one," said Ernst, a Political Science and Economics student in his final year. "It's an historic conference and I will do anything I can to get down to Rio to watch the public sessions."

The real work begins once the Summit is over. Will governments act to stop global warming and deforestation? Will governments legislate responsible management of the earth's resources? McGraw sees a long road ahead to curb the damage that has already been done. She will continue her activism after the Summit is over. "My future is being negotiated in Brazil," she said.





# LETTERS

T O T H E E D I T O R

## Commerce Dean appointment explained, but not clarified

*Editor's note: this is a reprint of Professor Elaine Newman's letter from last week's CTR. Two sentences were inadvertently dropped off in the retyping process.*

✉ To the editor:

To the Concordia University Community

At the open meeting of Senate on Friday, April 3, 1992, Maître [P. André] Gervais, Chairman of the Board of Governors, and Patrick Kenniff, Rector of this University, described to us the procedures they used in the appointment of the Dean of Commerce [and Administration]. I summarize the situation to the best of my ability in the following text.

1. A search committee, chaired by the Vice-Rector, Academic, was appointed, met, and reached a decision signed by all members of the committee except one. The Vice-Rector, Academic agreed with this, signed the recommendation, and forwarded it to the Rector and to the Chairman of the Board. Maître Gervais and Dr. Kenniff both stated to Senate that there was no flaw in these procedures.
2. It is customary for the Rector to then move this nomination at the Board of Governors meeting. Maître Gervais informed us that the Rector refused to do so, either at the November or December meeting of the Board of Governors. Instead Maître Gervais met with the Rector and the Vice-Rector, Academic, and discussed the matter. Maître Gervais then recommended to the Board of Governors that a subcommittee be formed to decide upon this nomination.
3. This ad hoc committee, consisting of three people from outside the University, one faculty member (from Chemistry), and one student (but notably with no faculty member familiar with the Commerce [sic] faculty) was appointed and met as follows.
  - a) It interviewed the Rector and the Vice-Rector, Academic.
  - b) It reviewed the documentation available.
  - c) It did not interview candidates, committee members or other interested parties.
  - d) It did not read the recommendation or reasoned report of the search committee, nor did it look at their notes.
4. The ad hoc committee made its recommendation, different from that of the search committee. The Rector, I believe, moved that nomination and the Board of Governors accepted it. The Board of Governors was never given the report of the search committee,

though this report is made to the entire Board.

The Rector said that he was not moved by any notion of bias, discrimination, inappropriateness of the candidates or improper function of the search committee. He stated that this procedure would not become common, but gave us no statement as to when he would consider it appropriate.

I made an attempt to discover the Rector's reasons for acting as he did. These were sufficiently intangible that he did not state them clearly, but he evoked ideas of University policy as opposed to faculty policy, the need for a functioning Faculty after 1 1/2 years without a dean, and the possibility that Commerce [sic] might leave the University framework and set up on its own as a School of Commerce. If this seems an unclear account, it is doubtless because I did not completely understand him.

I asked whether the matter was so abstruse that the Rector could not present it to the original search committee. He replied that there is no provision for the Rector to appear before the committee, but perhaps there should be in the future. I did not say, but I believe, that there is no committee in the University which would refuse to read a submission from the Rector, or would refuse to have him appear before them to make whatever case he might wish.

I then asked Maître Gervais whether he was now willing to reconstitute the original search committee, have the matter referred to them, and accept their recommendation. He refused categorically, and said that the present Dean was duly appointed and would remain Dean for his three-year term.

This is clearly not a record of the entire 2 1/2 hour discussion. I believe, however, that it gives an accurate account of all the stages of the proceedings. It is my understanding that our Rector, acting on his own, for reasons which he has not yet stated clearly, decided that he did not approve of the Search Committee's choice, and that his wisdom was superior to that of everyone else involved.

I personally do not accept this idea of the way a collegial institution should function. I would appreciate all interested members of the community to indicate to me in writing whether they accept this as reasonable procedure, and what remedy they would choose. I will make a summary of these replies, and pass it on both to Senate and to the Concordia community at large.

**E.B. Newman**  
Professor of Biology  
and Member of Senate

## Prof. Drysdale alarmed by administration's serious infractions

✉ To the editor:

In her letter to the editor (CTR, April 9) Professor Elaine Newman gave a lucid report of the Senate discussion of April 3 with respect to the recent appointment of the Dean of the Faculty of Commerce and Administration. In this extraordinary session members of Senate questioned the Chair of the Board of Governors, the Rector, and the Vice-Rector, Academic, about both substantive (i.e., what were the reasons for not accepting the nomination which came from the Advisory Search Committee?) and procedural aspects of the appointment process.

I would like to clarify the main outcome, as I saw it, of the procedural side of the discussion. In questioning the Rector, I pointed out that Article 32 of the Board's document on procedures for search committees provides for direct transmission of the search committee report to the Board of Governors. The clause states: "*The Chairman [sic] of the Advisory Search Committee [in this case the Vice-Rector, Academic] shall transmit to the Board of Governors the recommendations of the Advisory Search Committee.*"

In the Senate discussion it became clear that: (1) the Vice-Rector did in fact submit the report to the Chair of the Board for the purpose of sending the report to the Board; (2) the Rector intervened by persuading the Chair of the Board to withhold (contrary to the procedural rule quoted above) the search committee report from the Board; and (3) the Board members never received the Advisory Search Committee report. Instead, and again outside the established procedures, the Board (Dec. 19, 1991) approved the Rector's proposal to appoint an *ad hoc* committee to review the situation and to recommend its own choice for the deanship.

As a member of the Senate I remain alarmed by the clear and serious infractions by both the Rector and the Chair of the Board's own stated procedures. For whatever reasons, the Rector in effect vetoed the search committee's choice of a nominee. It is clear that the procedures do not permit this action, regardless of the reason.

See SENATE page 14

## HOT FUN IN THE SUMMERTIME!

### Concordia's Summer Sports Camp

for children 5-13 and youths 14 and 15 (CIT programme)

Aquatics, volleyball, baseball, frisbee, basketball, gymnastics, football, track and field, lacrosse, cosom hockey, handball, playground activities, soccer, tennis, badminton...!!!

This is an all-day, all-sports approach to recreation. It's a fun-filled summer full of outdoor and indoor activities. Alternative programmes in computers, arts and crafts and dance and a University discovery programme are also offered.

Camp dates:

**Four two week sessions**  
**June 29-Aug 21; 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

■ Staff-to-child ratio: 1-10

■ Extended care available: 4-6 p.m.

**CAMP CONCORDIA,**  
Concordia University Dept. of Recreation and Athletics,  
7141 Sherbrooke St. W., Montreal  
H4B 1R6;

or call 426-0205. After June 1, call 848-3859.

**Sign up now and beat the heat!**



# Political correctness labelled dangerous, 'ideological stifling'

In this final report of the third annual colloquium of The Future of Concordia: Academic Freedom in the Context of Academic Integrity held last month on the Loyola Campus, the three workshops which dealt with political correctness, uses and abuses of academic freedom in the classroom, and the state of the university: sexism, racism and homophobia, will be examined.

by Donna Varrica

The only consensus about political correctness is that no one can agree on what it is. Definitions are as imprecise in the media as they are on the street or in the classroom.

It was no different at Concordia last month during the afternoon workshop titled "What is this thing called political correctness?" during the day-long Future of Concordia conference.

Many agree the term is a misnomer and that it can be harmful. It is divisive. Workshop participants agreed that by whichever 'side' the term is used, it is usually spoken in the same breath with a concern about silencing.

One of the suggestions the workshop presented for defining and dealing with the issues which arise from trying to conform to political correctness was to institute a process of intermediaries to broaden representation and move toward a process of consensus.

Another key point which arose from discussion was the concept of censorship. Some participants felt that political correctness was censorship and promoted reverse discrimination, breeding a fear of saying the wrong thing. One participant asked: "Where do we draw the line between what is politically correct or what might be called 'ideological stifling'?"

There is a widespread perception that political correctness creates polarization. The University should reflect society and take advantage of its unique position as a centre of diversity.

Ideally, political correctness would work if there was a system of fairness and perceived fairness in place, with special care taken not to offend minorities and others. However, too much emphasis on the latter can lead to reverse discrimination. Instead, fairness and perceived fairness in the university should be tempered by self-reflection, sensitivity and awareness.

A danger of political correctness is that it can be used as a tool to make arbitrary decisions and create disenfranchisement, or as a shield, hiding behind false or unexamined credibility and blocking the deeper issues.

Some steps to be taken included encouraging sensitivity to issues before taking a stand and broadening the process of strategic planning to arrive at common priorities. Goals included providing a forum for all participants to

express their opinions and concerns, one of acceptance of diverse opinions, developing an inventory of issues and concerns about political correctness in the context of Concordia, and identifying actions that might be taken in the coming year in addressing concerns as identified by the participants.

The different constituencies of the university each have a separate understandings of the term academic freedom. It was agreed upon, however, that for it to exist, the classroom needs to be a community, with a sort of 'social contract' to outline points of expected behaviour.

Though the words academic freedom are not officially defined within Concordia, some perceive it to be the right to teach, research and publish what one believes to be the truth. The real issue is faculty accountability for its own actions and the actions of colleagues.

## Charter of Rights

In the workshop, "Uses and Abuses of Academic Freedom in the Classroom," a conclusion was reached that students should enjoy the same privileges and be subject to the same responsibilities as their teachers.

Vice-Rector, Academic, Rose Sheinin, who attended the workshop, said good professors should empower their students. Interest was expressed in a CUSA-initiated project to prepare a Charter of Rights and Responsibilities for students.

Liberal Arts College student Sean Spurvey, who was a session animator, wrote in his report that there is "a need to examine the mechanisms and structures available to implement policies and procedures concerning academic freedom. We need both a campaign to raise awareness and a body to deal with perceived abuses of academic freedom."

Commenting on the Black community's indifference to the *Femmes aux bananes* controversy, Clarence Bayne, Director of the Diploma programmes in Institutional and Sports Administration said: "It is probably because we are too busy dodging bullets from police death squads."

In the workshop "The State of the University: Sexism, Racism and Homophobia," the first point of order was whether to allow the media to stay for the discussion. A vote decided that they could.

Some participants felt the real issues had not been addressed, perhaps due to the fact that they had not split up in smaller groups and discussion was carried on by the group as a whole. In the end, traditional solutions to the problem of discrimination were offered, such as accepting the differences and encouraging diversity.

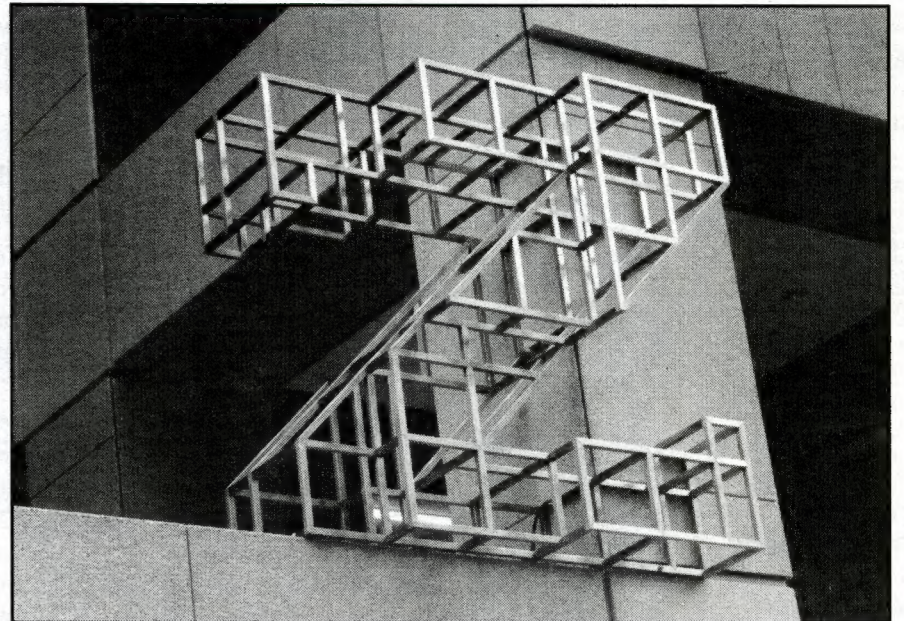
Participants balked at the suggestion to create the position of a Rights Officer, saying "not another officer for this University!"

# Look where we are now!

## THE NEW CONCORDIA LIBRARY COMPLEX

### "Explosion of letters" to decorate library

By Barbara Black



The enigmatic Z is the internationally recognized symbol for libraries.

Try to capture the idea of a university library in an image or a symbol. Not a book: too obvious, and somewhat restrictive in these days of database. Be imaginative.

The team who successfully bid on the contract to create art for the new library complex chose a spiral. They liked the notion of constant motion, around and up (or in, or out), as a metaphor for the learning process. Professors can think of a snail's progress, if they prefer.

You can look for that spiral motif in the completed building, on the tiled floor of the atrium and above your head, too. A single art project in several spaces is the way the artists describe it.

Artists Rose-Marie Goulet, Alain Paiement and Randy Saharuni, sociologist Guy Bellevance and sculptor-designer Bernard Denis make up the team.

They've never worked together before. In fact, their \$192,000 contract marks the first time in a decade the Québec government has departed from its usual policy of funding only art projects done by individuals.

Goulet, who graduated from Concordia with a Master's degree in Fine Arts in 1989, is delighted with the assignment, but it's not the first time she has decorated a place of learning. Her work can also be seen in the new Dawson College building.

## Diverse inspiration

The multi-media installations are being prepared now for installation. The process is awkward and complex, and the budget was tight, so they were grateful for several donations of materials from companies involved in the building's construction.

There's more to these pieces than spirals. You may have noted (how could you miss it?) the giant, enigmatic Z above the main entrance on de Maisonneuve Blvd. As you enter the upper level of the Royal George reading rooms, you'll be greeted by an explosion of letters of the alphabet rendered in sand-blasted glass. In the main part of the library, you may be initially puzzled by inactive television monitors; they are there for their suggestive qualities.

The creators drew on sources of inspiration as diverse as Jorge Luis Borgès' book, *Babel's Library*, a 14th-century engraving of chained books in the library of the Sorbonne, and the call letters known as the Dewey decimal system, on which every modern library depends.



# LETTERS

## TO THE EDITOR

### Library setup will mean shuttling between campuses

✉ To the editor:

The Library Complex may be earthquake-proof, but already it can't do the work of a research library.

Consequently, periodicals before 1970 that had been withdrawn from the Norris Library to storage will not be reshelfed with more recent issues, but instead will be moved to the Vanier Library where they will duplicate materials already acquired by Loyola College (until, it may be, the Loyola materials are discarded).

And though people connected to the Library say that this placement is only temporary, it is in fact necessary and will have to be permanent. The library complex was not planned in such a way as to allow sufficient shelves to hold those periodicals.

Here's the situation for English literature, for instance. Pertinent periodicals in storage occupy 92 shelves (at 3 feet per shelf). But there are only 100 shelves available for all the stored periodicals in whatever field. For scale here, just the books I keep in my office for courses occupy 53 shelves.

So, the runs of periodicals will necessarily have to remain divided. Anybody on one campus who wants material

before 1970 will have to spend time going back and forth to the other campus, and it's the same in reverse directions for material after 1970.

Nobody of course ever asked how students of the humanities and the social sciences use periodicals. In these areas journal articles do not cease to be relevant with age, since they contain unique texts, documents, and studies, which cannot be summarized in an abstract. For literature, a look at any page of a recent critical text or interpretation will show citations of periodicals before 1970, and these have to be looked at for a full picture.

And suppose anyone wants to look up a film review in *Time* before (or after) 1970. Or a political opinion in *Canadian Forum*. Or a style of management in *Fortune*. The simple point is that not only full, but also easy access to materials is a feature of an up-to-date research library. And we don't have one, though the building was called the Library Complex.

How could such a decision have been made?

E.C. Ronquist

Associate Professor, Library Coordinator, Department of English

### Oath of confidentiality 'unenforceable' without sowing 'suspicion and fear'

✉ To the editor:

An open letter to the University community

As members of the Advisory Search Committee — Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science, we would like to make the following open submission to the Groome Committee.

We agree with, and respect the need for, confidentiality concerning the search process for senior university administrators. However, we were reluctant to sign the undertaking of confidentiality required for search committees for reasons based on the following principles.

1. The notion of sanctions is abhorrent in a university environment where it should be assumed that people can understand the need for confidentiality.
2. The sanctions prescribed in the undertaking of confidentiality — in particular, the dismissal of members of the faculty and staff, and the expulsion of students — are extreme and unwarranted.
3. The oath of confidentiality is essentially unenforceable given the dif-

ficulty of determining the source of any leak without resorting to methods that would sow suspicion and fear throughout the university community. This difficulty notwithstanding, the threat of an accusation, whether well founded or not, can be an effective means of intimidation and/or coercion.

4. Furthermore, the definition of confidentiality under the current undertaking is too broad, and does not take into account cases where natural justice, and/or the well being of the university may not be served by the current definition.

Based on the above principles, it is of paramount importance that the Groome committee consider the following recommendations.

1. Members of search committees should be made to understand the reasons for confidentiality, but under no circumstances should they be required to sign an undertaking.
2. Despite the need for a degree of confidentiality to protect the inter-

See CONFIDENTIALITY page 13

### Magisteriate of Arts grateful for non-sexist degree

✉ To the editor:

I have been out of the country since the Senate decision on degree nomenclature was made, so I thought I would send a comment by mail. I am very pleased with the Senate decision to offer the gender-neutral degree titles of baccalaureate, magisteriate and doctorate. I will be registering to graduate with my magisteriate of arts as soon as possible. My original idea in 1989, in applying for a mistress of arts degree was to highlight the sexism in the terms bachelor and master. That my point was taken seriously by the University administration from the outset exemplifies Concordia's progressive position in regard to women's rights.

Although it cannot be taken for granted that gender neutrality in language automatically brings gender equality, this decision goes a long way in redressing a long-term sexist academic practice.

I would like to publicly thank those who were instrumental in this struggle: Dr. Claudie Solar and the Office of the Status of Women for moral and practical support, Pat Freed and the Faculty Personnel Office staff for administrative assistance, Dr. Rose Sheinin for her encouragement and interest, and all those who sat on the Degree Nomenclature Committee. Their time-consuming research and recommendations were invaluable to making the final Senate decision possible.

Lastly, I would like to recognize all the feminists and especially the Lesbian Studies Coalition of Concordia, who inspired and encouraged me to pursue this issue.

Sexism in academia will not be eradicated overnight, but the decision to offer non-sexist degree titles brings the University one step closer to being an environment where women will one day achieve gender equality.

Carolyn Gammon,  
Magisteriate of Arts, Berlin

### REVIEW OF STUDENT ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

The Vice-Rector, Services, has struck a committee to review Student Administrative Services (Registrar, Admissions, Liaison), to report its findings and to make appropriate recommendations.

The mandate of the review committee will be to assess the current operation of Student Administrative Services and to make recommendations concerning its future development.

In carrying out its assessment and formulating its recommendations, the committee will consider:

- the manner in which the component units of Student Administrative Services respond to the mission of the University, and the degree to which they address its priorities and concerns;
- the specific effectiveness of this structure in meeting fully the needs and expectations of Concordia students, from the perspective of the quality of student life;
- the effectiveness and pertinence of the current managerial structure of Student Administrative Services, and whether other types of structures might be necessary or desirable;
- the role of Student Administrative Services in terms of the other academic and administrative units of the University, the manner in which these sectors relate to each other, and the functional liaisons which support them;
- the challenges facing Student Administrative Services in the next five to 10 years.

The committee invites written submissions from interested members of all sectors of the University community. Submissions, which must be received by June 1, may be forwarded to:

DR. DONALD L. BOISVERT,  
Chair, Student Administrative Services Review Committee,  
Room GM 1100,  
SGW Campus.



# Students say 'no' to megaprojects

by Wayne Hiltz

In a province-wide student referendum, Concordia students voted overwhelmingly against energy megaprojects and for ecologically sound public transportation.

Organized by ENVIRONNEMENT JEUNESSE (ENJEU), a environmental education group aimed at youth, the overall results from the March 30-31 referendum at 37 CEGEPs and universities also showed a favourable response, but it was lower than Concordia's percentage.

On the question of a moratorium on energy megaprojects until there is a full and open public debate on energy, Québec students as a whole voted 75 per cent in favour, while the vote in favour at Concordia reached a near-unanimous 89 per cent.

Concerning the question of an increase in the gasoline tax, whose revenues would be invested in more environmentally friendly transporta-

tion, the vote in favour was 54 for Québec and 69 per cent at Concordia.

Over 12,000 Québec students voted in the referendum, including 500 at Concordia.

"We're definitely satisfied with the results," said Andrea Simpson, co-coordinator of the Wilderness Defence Committee which organized the vote here.

"It's a pretty clear message to the government of the position taken by youth on these crucial matters."

The committee held regular sessions throughout the year to explain energy development and alternatives to students.

"The aim was not only to have them vote on a particular day," Simpson explained.

"It was also to introduce them to the issue, and encourage them to understand the connection between their personal habits and lives and the overall energy question in Québec."

Her group is determined to continue working on the energy question next year and beyond until it has been resolved.

At a news conference, ENJEU's president Marthe Poirier said that "decision-makers must give special attention to the views of youth because they are the ones who will live with the consequences of choices made today."

## Will meet premier

Poirier will soon meet with Premier Robert Bourassa to discuss the referendum result, and ENJEU's demands will be sent to over 30 Québec political and business leaders as well as transit commissions, environmental groups, and trade unions.

Referendum coordinator Robert Renaud said he was a little surprised at the results, especially those on the gas tax.

"It's understandable that it was less

popular, because as soon as you talk about gasoline taxes, people's hair stands on end," he said.

Concerning the question calling for a moratorium, Renaud said that most students voted for a public debate because they are uncertain about where the government is going with the controversial Great Whale project. But he cautioned that it should be seen as only one part of the global energy picture, which includes other major projects and aluminum smelters.

"Hydro-Québec will spend \$60 billion for several dam projects during the next 10 years," Renaud said. "It's the biggest public investment ever in Québec. So we should have the opportunity to really know if we're going in the right direction or not."

## 50 years of teaching

# Professor Wynne Francis retires



PHOTO: Barbara Davidson

English Professor Wynne Francis' last day of class on April 10 capped 50 years of teaching. She was appointed as a full-time lecturer at Sir George Williams University in 1942. Members of the English Department gathered quietly in the hallways of the Norris Building outside her "Canadian Poetry and its Roots class to surprise her with flowers. She is seen here with English Department Chair Gerald Auchinachie.

## • DEBATE continued from page 6

claimed an area the size of France would be flooded.

"Both stages of the James Bay project will flood a total of one per cent of Québec. Québec is three times the size of France".

Namagoose replied bitterly to Lemay's contention that Hydro-Québec is socially responsible.

"In the first James Bay project, Hydro-Québec invaded the land we have lived on for 5000 to 6000 years without even the decency of a phone call. They flooded 11,000 square miles. This was the best hunting land. This was our home."

Lemay disputed the notion of large-scale destruction caused by the flooding.

"There has been no environmental destruction and no decrease in fish or animal life in the flooded areas. These

are areas still rich in life."

"Who killed 2,000 caribou?" Namagoose asked. "Our fish are contaminated with mercury and we can't eat them. Even though hydro-electricity is supposed to be clean, it releases the same amount of methane gas as fossil fuels."

"We don't necessarily need nuclear or hydro-electricity," Chénier said during the rebuttal period. "Many other energy producing sources, such as windmills, or solar power, have not been explored here yet. Conservation hasn't gone far enough."

"Hydro-Québec underestimated the power public forums like ours had on influencing public opinion on the Great Whale project. They have a lot of catching up to do."

— Additional reporting by  
Silvia Cademartori and Wayne Hiltz

## Look where we are now!

THE NEW CONCORDIA LIBRARY COMPLEX

**TOURS** of the downtown Library Complex for Concordia students, faculty and staff will begin April 27th.

**SCHEDULE** Week of April 27th to May 1 (Exam period)  
5:00 - 6:00 p.m. and 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

May 4 through May 8  
5:00 - 6:00 p.m. and 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

## DON'T DELAY, SIGN UP NOW!

**REGISTRATION** Henry F. Hall Building, INFORMATION DESK  
Must register in person. Special requests for group tours (more than 12) and individuals or groups with particular needs will be accepted by telephone — 848-3838.

Tours will be given on a first-come, first-serve basis. Hard hats are mandatory. They will be distributed prior to commencement of tour, upon receipt of a valid Concordia I.D. card.

**TOUR DEPARTURE:** INFORMATION DESK, Henry F. Hall Building, please arrive 10 minutes before the tour begins.

**DURATION OF TOUR:** Approximately one hour.

**Times and dates of additional tours will be announced at a later date.**



## NO ISSUE NEXT WEEK

CTR resumes publication on

April 30  
May 14

And the special convocation issue  
will be on the stands June 1

### • RADIOACTIVE WASTE continued from page 2

posal. The probability of radioactive material getting into our drinking water [from the Shield] is comparable to saying smoking one cigarette is suicide."

#### Energy Board norms

As part of its safety requirements, the Atomic Energy Control Board, Canada's nuclear regulator, requires that the radioactive waste risk to people from a disposal facility not exceed one in a million fatal cancers or serious genetic defects in a year. And it must be shown that this safety criterion would be satisfied for a period of 10,000 years.

"The containers are designed to last at least 500 years," Cheung said. "Even if a container is breached, it would take several thousand years for the waste to penetrate the surrounding buffer material, and hundreds of thousands of years for it to reach the surface. By that time, the radioactive waste would have

decayed to an insignificant level."

#### Chance of earthquake

Eddy cautions, "just because there have been no earthquakes in the Canadian Shield doesn't mean the act of drilling a hole in the rocks won't cause one. The underground pressure is tremendous, and the rocks may explode like artillery shells. I hope engineers take advantage of the hundreds of years of mining experience this country has."

Cheung says recycling radioactive waste is not being considered, because the cost of extracting material, such as plutonium, isn't justified by demand.

A spokesperson for the Federal Environmental Assessment Review Office in Ottawa said environmental guidelines for the AECL will be made public this month, and public hearings into the project will be held in early 1994.

### FOUNDER OF CORPUS LINGUISTICS TO SPEAK

The TESL (Teaching English as a Second Language) Centre and the Centre for Pattern Recognition and Machine Intelligence of Concordia University, with the sponsorship of the Visiting Lecturers Committee, invite you to attend a seminar on

#### *The Role of Corpus Linguistics in the Language Sciences*

to be given

**Friday, April 24 at 2 p.m. in Room 401  
of the ER Building, 2155 Guy St.**

Professor Emeritus W. Nelson Francis, of the Department of Cognitive and Linguistic Sciences at Brown University, will give the lecture. He founded corpus linguistics, which is the study of statistically adequate, computer-readable samples of spoken and written language. Corpus is Latin for body, and corpora is its plural. This use of the word refers to a collection of recorded utterances used as a basis for the descriptive analysis of a language.

The one-million-word Brown University Corpus, which Francis initiated in the early 1960s, has served as a model for the development of significant corpora of national varieties of English, including Canadian English.

There are now hundreds of corpus-based studies of English, and, increasingly, of other languages. Corpora have been compiled and are available to researchers and engineers for many different purposes, including natural language processing for machine intelligence, the study of language variation, language teaching, lexicography and the study of grammar. The recent COBUILD English Language Dictionary and the COBUILD Grammar drew on a corpus of more than 40 million words.

Francis, whose most recent speech was at the Nobel Symposium on Corpus Linguistics in Stockholm last summer, has had a long and distinguished career. His first book, which was followed by many essays, articles and books on English grammar and phonology, the history of English, historical linguistics, and dialectology, was published 50 years ago.

Attendance at the lecture will be limited to 40 participants. Those interested in attending should contact Professor Nancy Belmore at the TESL Centre, 2457 or 2450.

### • POLLUTION SOLUTION continued from page 2

last three months, have been with creosote, that smelly, tar-like material used to preserve railway ties and telephone poles. He attended to the latest American Chemical Society conference in San Francisco to present his findings on creosote.

#### No dangerous bi-products

The news about semi-conductors is all good, at least in the lab. It has advantages over current methods of cleaning water. It doesn't create nasty by-products. The same titania specimen can be re-used indefinitely. And the process genuinely destroys organic toxins, like herbicides, pesticides, and animal and petro-chemical waste, rather than simply dumping them into someone else's backyard.

And don't tell Serpone that his lab experiments can't be applied to real dirty water, with its messy multiplicity of toxins.

"We got hold of a couple of litres of surface water from the west coast near a big petro-chemical plant, and we got rid of all the toxins in it," he said.

However, before we lower a bit of

titania into the St. Lawrence River, there are logistical problems.

For one thing, the scientists have yet to design what you might call a titania-holder. They're still looking for a "glue" to hold the titania to a support while water and light play over it, an adhesive which won't itself be destroyed by the process. Another problem is the fact that titania, being white, doesn't absorb much sunlight.

#### Search for dye

"The challenge is to modify it to absorb more light. We have to find a dye that will collect the sunlight and transfer it to the titania," Serpone said.

The final hurdle, naturally, is reducing the cost of the process, so that industries and governments can be induced to launder our water.

Serpone is working with two graduate students, Rita Terzian and Darren Lawless, two undergraduates, Pierre Kennepohol and Anne-Marie Pelletier, and with scientists in Italy, the United States and Japan.

### • MARGINAL ROLE from page 5

to be very cautious about taking public stands, but eventually they saw the wisdom of grouping together in organizations like the Conseil du Patronat (in Québec) and Chambers of Commerce (nation-wide) to influence public opinion on everything from the constitution to culture.

"Even the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops makes its views known on politically-sensitive issues such as government budgets and manpower training.

"Surely you have as much right as the bishops or the labour unions to be heard on issues of national importance."

Societal issues aside, most universities don't even take an active role in debates affecting their own futures, the *Le Devoir* Publisher said.

#### Institutions are mute

Individual professors may speak out on such issues as tuition fees or political correctness, but their institutions are mute.

### • ANCIENT ROME from page 1

lined the interior plateau of North Africa near Algeria and Tunisia, but the land was deforested by European lumber companies in the 1800s.

The Romans prevented dust bowls in this dry country by perfecting dry-farming methods. They planted tamarind trees as windbreakers along the sand dunes that boarded their oases. Unlike our own Prairie farmers, who were plagued by dust bowls in the drought of the 1930s, the Romans planted various crops, not just wheat, and kept their farms small. Some crops were planted 25 metres apart to ensure that the roots would not dry out.

"The Romans left a legacy in a fragile ecological zone that demonstrated how

"A case in point was Stuart Smith's recent Commission of Inquiry into Higher Education. Canadian universities, as institutions, should have been far more aggressive in debating the issues he raised."

#### Rewards needed

Educators have to realize that it is no longer enough to train young people and provide a healthy environment for research and the pursuit of knowledge.

"Perhaps a rewards system should be developed to encourage more professors to engage in public debate. Under the present system those that do are often looked down upon by their colleagues for seeking too much of the limelight."

Governments, donors and the public-at-large are all asking questions, Bissonnette said. "It's time universities started looking seriously at the worth of the contributions their professors are making to society."

an advanced civilization can achieve harmony with nature," said Adams.

Only in this century have archaeologists succeeded in growing fruit orchards in the sandy soils of southern Tunisia by using ancient Roman irrigation and farming methods.

There is no denying the Romans were cruel to animals and to humans. And for all their belief in spirits, they permitted forests to be cut down for siege warfare.

"They were imperialists, but unlike our society, they never tried to control nature," said Adams. "They had a sense of limitation that we are dangerously lacking in our society."



# CONFIDENTIALITY from page 10

- ests of some external candidates, we believe this must be balanced with the need for open debate within the University community. Hence, as a general rule, the members of the short list for any position should be made public. In exceptional cases, a candidate may make a request to the search committee that their name not be made public, if this is approved by the committee, the short list will not be published.
- Topics of discussion, issues raised, and any formal or informal decisions of the committee must be recorded, and formally approved. These records should not be subject to confidentiality, as this could only be used as a cover for the misuse of procedures, and the possible abuse of power.
  - Finally, the make-up of the committees should continue to reflect a cross-section of the university community by having students, faculty and staff as their members. Furthermore, these positions should be filled by representative elections from within each constituency (as is currently the case in the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science).

M.O.M. Osman, Adam Steele and Larry Thiel

Members of the Advisory Search Committee, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science

# BIG BAND continued from page 5

Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Repertory Orchestra, an elite group organized two years ago by the Washington-based network of museums and archives. Scholars and researchers unearth jazz treasures, often by meticulously transcribing scratchy vintage recordings of extemporaneous brilliance. Then the orchestra recreates those performances at concerts in the U.S. capital.

Concordia's Music Programme includes many kinds of music, but jazz is especially popular, and the University is unusual in recognizing guitar and drum sets as well as brass, wind, voice and piano as instruments of study.

# Bacchanalia

Anthropologists know that the spring equinox was celebrated by ancient peoples with a bacchanalia, a wild free-for-all which eventually mellowed into a decorous dance around the Maypole. Ellison calls Swing into Spring "a celebration of community, of the Concordia family. It's hands-on. It's got diversity. It's got the blue-collar beginnings of both jazz and this University. It's really a musical version of our mission statement."

The evening kicks off at 8 p.m. with an hour of music by a student ensemble, followed by the featured big band. Tables of eight can be reserved, and a late-night buffet is included with the price of the ticket (\$20). Call the Advancement Office (4863) for tickets.

# EFFICIENCY continued from page 3

while lowering energy use or cost. Energy conservation, on the other hand, means reducing consumption to the minimum and using existing resources.

# Great Whale fight

The debate has taken on added importance with the controversy over Hydro-Québec's Great Whale project. Zmeureanu is quick to point out the complexity of the problem.

"I have the feeling that we could do without it for the next 10 years," he said, basing his view on the province's projected energy consumption. Hydro-Québec is involved in a large-scale programme to achieve greater energy efficiency by the year 2000. One of the programme's goals is to achieve energy savings of 11 per cent in the residential and commercial/institutional sectors by the turn of the century.

"The next step for Hydro will be to

increase energy rates, as they've done for the past two years. They're hoping this will reduce consumption and peak electrical demand." Hydro asked for that rate increase — its third in three years — in early March.

It should be noted that two arguments in Great Whale's favour, according to Zmeureanu, are the energy exports and the need for long-term jobs.

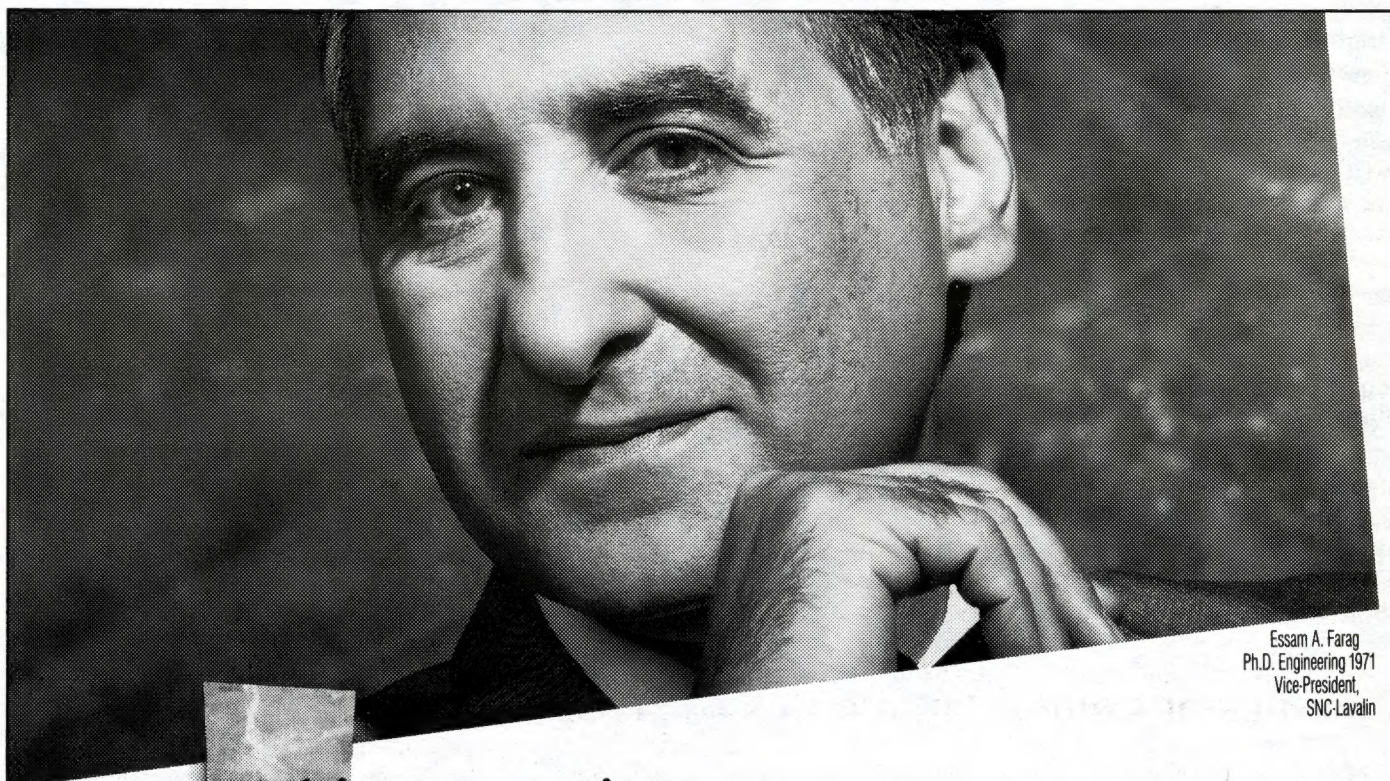
# Efficiency in practice

Zmeureanu's research with CBS Director Paul Fazio and graduate student Arto Deramajian turned up ways to apply the energy efficiency principle here in Montréal. The results were published in a paper, "Maximum Glazing [window] Area of New Office Buildings in Montreal," and presented in January to the prestigious American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE).

The goal of the research project, done with state-of-the-art computer simulation, was to adapt ASHRAE energy-efficiency standards to Montréal. Because of different climactic conditions between the United States and Canada, ASHRAE's environmental data were replaced with local weather data provided by Environment Canada. The researchers concluded that even in a cold climate like Montréal's, builders could use more than the currently permissible 40 per cent glazing if their buildings were also energy-efficient.

Another recent study coordinated by Zmeureanu involved a cost-saving energy audit of a Bell Canada office building. The goal of the Bell study was to evaluate the effect of turning off the lights and office equipment for the night.

The study found that doing this resulted in a 3 to 4 per cent saving for the utility giant.



Essam A. Farag  
Ph.D. Engineering 1971  
Vice-President,  
SNC-Lavalin

This top engineer  
thinks Concordia  
has designed programmes  
well ahead of their time.

Essam A. Farag, Vice-President at Canada's largest engineering firm, is heartened by the knowledge that today's engineering students at Concordia are receiving the best education possible. Looking back at his time spent at Concordia, Essam notes that "the integrated, multi-disciplinary engineering programmes they pioneered twenty years ago are still among the most effective tools for the engineers of today and tomorrow."

And there are many other valid reasons Concordia is the right university for so many people: faculties and programmes with strong reputations in business studies, communications, psychology, fine arts and engineering; a college system offering a personalized approach to education; a friendly atmosphere, with professors who are known for their accessibility; a remarkable flexibility in the choice of programmes on a full- and part-time basis; and two campuses with a student body truly representative of Montréal's diverse population.

When you consider that Concordia is also known for being in touch with the real world, you can be assured that what you'll learn here will go farther out there.



1455 de Maisonneuve Blvd. W., Montréal

REAL EDUCATION FOR THE REAL WORLD



# IL DUCE continued from page 3

an ideology between capitalism and Marxism. His ideas of corporatism were taught all across Québec.

Salvatore interviewed both pro-fascists and anti-fascists of the pre-war era. One of the latter was Antonino Spada, then editor of an Italian language weekly, *Il Cittadino Canadese*.

Although fascism was being presented as a way to take pride in one's origins, Spada saw the fraud in this, Salvatore said.

"He said to himself, I can very well be Italian without having to be a fascist," said Salvatore. "He viewed fascism as a sickness, as a way to conquer the minds of the people."

"He talked about the difficulties he had in the community, all the fights he had to have so this anti-fascist voice [his paper] was not quashed."

Some prominent members of the Italian community even tried to expel Spada from Canada. In order to remain, he had to stop printing his newspaper, although he still managed to found an anti-fascist group.

Salvatore's book also looks at the role of Italian women. One woman he interviewed was Carmela Galardo Frascarelli, at the time a militant feminist and the wife of a prominent pro-fascist. "Frascarelli was closely linked with Ovide St-Jean and Thérèse Casgrain, as a suffragette. She participated fully in the emancipation of Canadian women," which makes her a little-known Italian element of Canadian history.

Although Frascarelli's husband was open to women's rights, the general attitude towards women was condescending. Salvatore interviewed Judge Maria DeGrandes Marrelli, who spoke of how women played a crucial role in building the Casa d'Italia.

# SENATE continued from page 8

It is also my view that these breaches of procedure are not trivial or legalistic in nature. At stake is the integrity of the search process and role of the academic community in this process. If a Rector or a Chair of the Board of Governors can, with impunity, block a recommendation from even being received by the full membership of the Board of Governors, the viability of our traditions of university governance is threatened.

The Search Committee report should have been presented to the full membership of the Board on Dec. 19, 1991. Then the Rector could have argued against the recommendation on whatever substantive grounds he chose. The Board then, as provided in Article 33 of the procedures, "... after considering the recommendation of the Advisory Search Committee and of the officer

"Although women did most of the work collecting the money, keeping the books, preparing the banquets and parades," Salvatore explained, "when it came to exercising power, they were always excluded."

# Pomposity

Salvatore also interviewed novelist Hugh MacLennan, who was part of an anti-facist group at the time.

"They were able to see, early on, the pompous dimension of fascism — the parading, the 'new Rome,'" Salvatore said. "Hugh MacLennan had been to Italy, and he was able to see fascism from within. He saw a gap between the official propaganda and reality."

MacLennan said that in Montréal, the English and the French viewed fascism differently, and there was a lack of communication between the two linguistic groups.

Salvatore says his book is "an important footnote to Canadian history," because Canadian history is not monolithic.

"Early on, there were many groups that were part of the mainstream reality of Montréal. So if you really want to be fair with the history of Montréal and of Canada, you should widen the perspective and include the human and historical reality that different groups were living at the time."

Salvatore is leaving for Europe tomorrow. The official launching of his book will be at the Salon du Livre next fall. His play *La Fresque de Mussolini* will be published by Guernica Editions, edited by Antonio D'Alfonso.

to whom the position reports [in this case the Vice-Rector, Academic]. . ." could have decided, on the basis of more balanced and complete information, whether to accept the Search Committee recommendation. However, because of the contraventions by the Rector and the Chair of the Board, the Board did not have the opportunity to fulfill its role as envisioned by the procedures.

There is obviously a major task ahead of us not only in the Senate and the Board, but in the University as a whole, to renew the foundations of confidence in the fairness and integrity of our practices of university governance.

**John Drysdale**  
Associate Professor of Sociology  
and Member of Senate

# The BACK PAGE continued from page 15

# UNCLASSIFIED

# Stereo Equipment

AudioSource Dolby surround sound processor/Amp with Koss M-65 Plus speakers. \$225. Phone: 935-5026.

# Air Conditioner

Magnasonic ACM-9000 BTU Air Conditioner. \$375. Phone: 933-5026.

# For Rent

Beautiful furnished room for rent in renovated grey stone near McGill. Non-smoking. References requested. Short-term o.k. Telephone: 849-7948.

# For Rent: Laurentians

Peaceful country retreat. Enjoy the privacy of an enclosed estate with its own spring fed natural lake, fully furnished (washer/dryer & dishwasher) three bedroom chalet with a stone fireplace and a large solarium with a view on the lake. Exceptional landscaping, cedar-lined circular driveway, fieldstone terraces & walkways. Swimming dock, row-boat & beach house. Located between Morin Heights and Lachute. Available for the season, May -October, \$5,500. Please leave message at (514)849-7948.

# For Rent: Near St-Denis & Sherbrooke

Two fully furnished, newly renovated apartments with all the comforts of home, including; kitchen ware, linen, cable T.V., on a quiet street (4 minutes

from Sherbrooke Metro.) One apartment is a 3 1/2, \$650./month, with a balcony. The other is a large 5 1/2 townhouse on two floors with two bathrooms, washer & dryer, month, with two balconies, skylight and more, \$890./month. Both have ground floor private entrances and share a large private yard at the back. Please leave message at 849-7948.

# Motorcycle for Sale

Honda 750K, 1978. Motor rebuilt in 1990. Full fairing. Carrier with trunk. Four-into-one exhaust. European handlebars. Excellent condition. \$1200. Leave message at 761-6221.

# French lessons

Qualified teacher offering private lessons in conversational and written French. \$25 per hour. Jocelyne - 485-6658.

# Sociology Research

MA student in sociology doing research. Looking to interview couples in blended families or step-families where each partner have children from previous marriage or relationship. If interested please call 848-2140 or 848-2155.

# Car For Sale

Honda Civic, DX, 50,000 KM. White/Mint, \$8,600.00 1990. Call John 483-4390.

# CPR COURSES

The following CPR courses will be offered by the Environmental Health & Safety Office in the next few weeks. Members of the Concordia community or outside community are all welcomed to take these courses. There will be a discount price for the Concordia community. For all those who are interested, please contact Donna Fasciano, Training Coordinator at 848-4355 for more information.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

# CPR Heartsaver Plus Course

8 hours for life. This course includes rescue breathing and one rescuer CPR management of the obstructed airway and infant, child resuscitation.

MAY 9 & 10

# Basic Cardiac Life Support Course

12-hours for life. This course includes rescue

breathing, one-person cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and two-person cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) management of the obstructed airway and infant and child resuscitation.

SUNDAY, MAY 24

# CPR Heartsaver Plus Course

8-hours for life. This course includes rescue breathing and one rescuer CPR, management of the obstructed airway and infant, child resuscitation.

SUNDAY, MAY 31

# CPR Heartsaver Plus Course

4-hours for life. This course includes rescue breathing and one-person rescuer CPR, and management of the obstructed airway.

# SPECIAL EVENTS

# The Lois & Stan Tucker Essay Competition

"What Makes A Book A Great Book?" The Liberal Arts College of Concordia University is pleased to be able to award two scholarships for the best two essays submitted. The first scholarship will be worth \$1000 and the second \$500. New students who plan to attend Liberal Arts College for the 1992-93 academic year. Interested students should apply by writing to Liberal Arts College, Concordia University, (1455 de Maisonneuve W.) Mtl, Que. H3G 1M8 or telephone 848-2565 to arrange for an interview. Essay must be typed, written in English or French, and should not exceed 1000 words in length. Deadline: May 15.

# Easter Non-perishable Food Drive

Benedict Labre House of Hospitality; 40 years

serving Montreal's homeless. May we suggest: toilet paper, razors, spices, canned goods, rice, pasta, etc... All donations are appreciated! Please be generous. We need your help! Donations are accepted at **Information Services - Lobby, Hall Building.**

# Emmaus Weekend Retreat Program

The Emmaus Weekend is a Christian retreat that will take place May 15, 16 & 17. We invite you to come and have fun in an atmosphere of friendship and spirituality. This weekend is run entirely by young adults for young adults. The cost of \$40 includes food, transportation and lodging for the whole weekend. For more information call Earl at 676-6248 or Virginia at 651-6960. Spaces are limited.

# CAMPUS MINISTRY

**Loyola Campus:** Belmore House is now located at 2496 West Broadway. Phone 848-3588. **SGW Campus:** Annex Z, 2090 Mackay. Phone: 848-3590, 3591, 3593.

# Mondays Through April

Discussion group, "Cross and Crown": How did the biblical writers understand and use the crucifixion/resurrection motif and what is its relevance to our lives today? **Everyone welcome**

- especially seekers and questioners - including agnostics. For info call Anne Hall at 481-4709 or leave a brief message at 848-3588. Meeting time to be arranged to suit those interested, possibly Mondays from 1 - 3 p.m. at Annex WF, Loyola, 2496 West Broadway.

# Steinberg's Food Vouchers

Students in need of our assistance please call 848-3588 for an appointment with one of our chaplains.

# APARTMENT FOR RENT

Huge, sunny 5 1/2 to sublet on Ridgewood. Beautiful location adjacent to Mount Royal park. Heating, fridge/stove included. \$683. Available July 1, renewable. Garage space optional at \$50/month.

Call 341-7169, leave message.



• The BACK PAGE continued from page 15

## FILM

### Conservatory of Cinematographic Art

Admission: \$2.75 (including taxes) per screening. Location: H-110, Alumni Auditorium, Henry F. Hall Bldg. (1455 de Maisonneuve Blvd. W.). Information: 848-3878.

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 16

Nibelungen (Siegfried) (1924), Fritz Lang, at 7 p.m.; Nibelungen (Kriemhildes's Revenge) (1924), Fritz Lang, at 9 p.m.

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 17

The Last Laugh (1924), F.W. Murnau, at 7 p.m.; Stalker (1979), Andrei Tarkovski, at 8:30 p.m.

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 18

The Joyless Street (1925), G.W. Pabst, at 7 p.m.; Nostalgia (1983), Andrei Tarkovski, at 9 p.m.

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 19

Animal Farm (1954), Joy Batchelor, John Halas at 7 p.m.; Tartuffe (1925) F.W. Murnau, at 8:30 p.m.

#### MONDAY, APRIL 20

Faust (1926), F.W. Murnau, at 8:30 p.m.

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 21

Metropolis (1926), Fritz Lang, at 8:30 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

Spies (1928), Fritz Lang, at 8:30 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 23

The Blue Angel (1930), Joseph von Sternberg, at 7 p.m.; Le Declin de l'Empire Americain (1986), Denys Arcand, at 9 p.m.

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 24

La Bataille d'Alger (1966), Gillo Pontecorvo, at 7 p.m.; 8 1/2 (Otto e Mezzo) (1963), Federico Fellini, at 9:15 p.m.

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 25

L'Etranger (1967), Luchino Visconti, at 7 p.m.; La Dolce Vita (1960), Federico Fellini, at 9 p.m.

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 26

Les Amours D'un Blonde (1965), Milos Forman, at 7 p.m.; L'Aventura (1960), Michelangelo Antonioni, at 8:45 p.m.

#### MONDAY, APRIL 27

Amarcord (1973), Federico Fellini, at 8:30 p.m.

## COUNSELLING & DEVELOPMENT

Do YOU KNOW where to find the answers to the following questions? Where to locate university calendars worldwide? How to prepare for an employment interview? Where to apply for private sources of financial aid? How to study? How to determine which universities offer particular educational programs? Where to find information on occupational options and career planning? Come to Counselling & Development (Student Services) and find the answers. Sir George Williams Campus, H-440, Henry F. Hall Bldg., 1455 de Maisonneuve Blvd. W., 848-3556 and Loyola Campus, 2490 West Broadway, 848-3555. When registering for or changing courses, also register for the many group Programs or Workshops available at Student Services - Counselling and Development. Our brochure gives you the description, times and dates of these helpful and interesting programs. You can register on the spot or take the brochure home and see what fits your timetable. Better grades, help with coping with personal issues or simply meeting new and interesting people may be only a registration away. Drop by the Counselling and Development Office at either campus and see what's waiting for you.

### Careers Library

The Careers Library, recognized as one of the best of its kind in Canada, helps students take control of their career development, including

educational-decision making, career planning and job search.

### Learning & Writing Centre

The Learning & Writing Centre offers assistance to all Concordia students who want to improve their academic skills and learning potential.

### Counselling Services

Professional counsellors offer Concordia students educational, career, and personal counselling, one on one or in groups.

### Canada Employment Centre

The Canada Employment Centre offers employment counselling and placement services to undergraduate and graduate students seeking part-time, summer or permanent employment. Location: 2070 Mackay Street. Info: 283-5177.

### WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS

### Drop in Service

A Drop in Service is available at Counselling and Development, Loyola Campus, provides for 15 minute periods to help students with brief questions of an educational nature. Time: 12:00 - 1 p.m. Location: 2490 West Broadway. Info: 848-3555.

## LACOLLE CENTRE

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 25

### Adapting To Change

A workshop designed to increase your understanding of the stages involved in the process of change and to enhance your ability to adapt and facilitate change both at work and in your personal life. Participants will have the opportunity to assess their own attitudes to change and learn how to deal with resistance to change in themselves and in others, learn the physiological and psychological effects of change and loss, and acquire techniques for using creativity to make change a positive experience. Workshop leader: Kathryn McMorrow. Time: 9:30 - 4 p.m. \$50.

### Transformative Theatre Creative Workshop Series For Women

Exploring women's individual and collective creativity through storytelling, improvisation, movement and ritual play. Animated by Ann Scofield, workshop founder, teacher and director from USA. Two Spring sessions start April 14 and

April 25-26. Open to all women. Limited enrolment. Three hours weekly for eight weeks. \$240. Information: 499-0783 or 848-4955.

#### FRIDAY, MAY 1

### Developing Creative Thinkers

This workshop is designed to sensitize participants to some of the major blocks to creative thinking as well as provide them with concrete strategies to overcome these blocks. Participants will become familiar with some of the major approaches to the development of creative thinking and will experience a number of group and individual techniques that have proven effective in producing fresh and innovative ideas in a wide range of fields. This workshop is intended for those interested in generating and implementing new ideas and helping others to do so. Time: 9:30 - 3:30 p.m. \$50.

## CONCERT HALL



### CONCORDIA CONCERT HALL

The Concert Hall is located at 7141 Sherbrooke St. W. (Metro Vendome - Autobus 105).

Admission is free to all concerts. (except where indicated.) Information: 848-7928.

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 16

### Voice Students of Eric Oland.

Time: 2 p.m.

### Concordia Chamber Choir

Under the direction of François Panneton. Works by Bartok, Britten & Bach. Time: 8 p.m.

#### MONDAY, APRIL 20

### The Cambridge Trio

Sherman Firedland - clarinet, Katherine Skorzewska - cello, Dorothy Fraiberg - piano. Time: 8 p.m.

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 21

### New Compositions by Concordia students

Time: 8 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

### Zhang Li Si - Voice Student

Diploma Recital. Time: 4 p.m.

### Anna Szpilberg - Piano Recital

Official inauguration of Falcone Grand Piano

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 23

### Voice students of Jocelyn Fleury

Time: 8 p.m.

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 24

### Voice students of Jocelyn Fleury

Time: 8 p.m.

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 25

### Eric Da Silva - Piano, Michelle Tremblay - Piano

Time: 2 p.m.

### Sven Meier - Violin

Diploma Recital. Time: 8 p.m.

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 26

### Lucy Hoblyn - Soprano, Dimitris Ilias - Tenor

Time: 2 p.m.

### Josee St-Onge Soprano, Nathalie Tanguay - Trumpet

Time: 8 p.m.

#### MONDAY, APRIL 27

### Francoise Morin - Violin

Diploma recital. Time: 8 p.m.

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 28

### Mariusz Monczak - Violin

Diploma Recital. Time: 8 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

### Montreal Brass Ensemble

Time: 8 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 30

### Alexander Bauhart - Harpsichord

Diploma Recital. Time 8 p.m.

#### FRIDAY, MAY 1

### Larry Patenaude

Jazz vocal student recital. Time: 8 p.m.

## MEETINGS

### Amateur Radio Club Meetings

Meetings will be held every Tuesday night from 7 to 10 p.m. in H-644-1. Get on the air and talk to the world "FREE" via personal ham radio. New members welcome. For more information call 848-7421.

### Concordia's Debating Society

Meets twice weekly, Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Annex C1 and Fridays at 2 p.m. in room H-505. All are welcome. For more information call 848-7412.

## THEATRE

### "Women Beware Women," by Thomas Middleton

April 23, 24, 25 at 8 p.m. April 26 at 2 p.m. Admission: \$6/general public. \$4/students & seniors. Reservations starting April 13, 1992. Tel: 848-4742. Location: D.B. Clarke Theatre (1455 de Maisonneuve W.)

## LECTURES/SEMINARS

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 30

### Centre for the Study of Classroom Processes

The CSCSP (Department of Education) presents a lecture by Dr. Elizabeth Cohen, Stanford University on "Achieving Equity in the Heterogeneous Classroom: Strategies & Tactics." Time: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Location: H-520 (1455 de Maisonneuve W.) Information: 848-2020.

### Krishnamurti Video Tape Presentations

Presentation of Krishnamurti video tapes, for the last three, "Truth", & "Death," Krishnamurti with a Buddhist scholar, and "On Transformation," dates and room are not confirmed as of yet. Please call 937-8869 early May for update. Sponsored by CARA.

See BACK PAGE on page 14



## WOMEN'S AGENDA

### Sexual Harassment Project

Have you been a victim of sexism? The student-run Sexual Harassment Project is compiling accounts of sexism on campus and we would like to hear your story. We can ensure your **anonymity**. If you have been harassed, threatened, or assaulted, we offer **CONFIDENTIAL** support and referral services. For **women only**. Contact Sarah Kresh at 848-7411; or drop by room P-103, 2020 Mackay Street.

### THURSDAYS

#### Permanent Review Committee on the Status of Women

Meets and organizes to respond to the needs of students, staff and faculty. Information: 848-7431.

#### Narcotics Anonymous Women's Group

For women recovering or wanting to recover from substance abuse. 7:30 p.m. at the Women's Centre, 2020 Mackay, downstairs. Information: 525-0333.

#### Lesbian Studies Coalition of Concordia

The Coalition meets on Mondays at 7 p.m. at the Simone de Beauvoir Lounge (2170 Bishop). Information: 848-7474.

### FRIDAYS

#### Queer Collective (formerly LGFC)

Open discussion over coffee for members of the University and beyond. 5 p.m. at 2020 Mackay, 1st floor. 848-7414.

#### Bi-the Way

Bisexual Women's discussion group now meets regularly. Time: 8 p.m. Location: McGill Women's Union, 3480 McTavish, Room 423. Information: 598-8661.

#### Women's Studies Student Association

Meets every other Friday, starting March 13. All students enrolled in Women's Studies of taking a WSDB course are welcome. Simone de Beauvoir Inst. (2170 Bishop) Time: 12:30. For info call 848-7449.

### Single Moms Support Group

Concordia Women's Centre, 2020 Mackay Street, Downstairs. Time: 1:30 p.m. Childcare: reserve in advance. Tel: 848-7431.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 16

#### Piedra Libre, installation by Mariela Borello

Opens at Galerie Bourget, 1230 de la Montagne. Time: 7 p.m. (Reg. gallery hours 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon - Fri.) Exhibition closes April 30.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 19

#### Fourth Annual Womyn-only Potluck Pesach Seder.

All womyn and children welcome. Childcare available on request. Donation \$5 to \$10 but no-one turned away. Reservations by April 10. Telephone: 279-5742 or 285-5637.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 25

#### Journée de concentration lesbiennes

Un moment privilégié pour faire le point dans le respect de nos différences. Présentation des groupes et choix d'ateliers. Prix d'entrée \$5. 8h30. L'Ecole Gilford, 2025 rue Gilford. Information: 273-7412.

#### Lesbian Dance Party

Time: 9:30 p.m. - 3 a.m. Location: 1355 René-Levesque Blvd. (Corner-Crescent) \$4. Information: 931-5757 between 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 23

#### Executive MBA Alumni Association

Is pleased to invite members of the Concordia community to hear Johanne Totta, Vice-President, Workplace Equality of the Bank of Montreal, speak on the implementing of the Action Plans formulated following a year long Task Force on the Advancement of Women in the Bank. Time: 5:30 p.m. Location: GM-407 (1550 de Maisonneuve W.) RSVP as seating is limited.

## THESIS DEFENSE

### THURSDAY, APRIL 16

HELENE LAMOUREUX at 3 p.m. in H-773, (1455 de Maisonneuve W.) Thesis Title: "Attentional Performance In Young Adults Considered At Risk For Schizophrenia."

### FRIDAY, APRIL 24

GORDON TRUEBLOOD at 10 a.m. in Room H-1053 (1455 de Maisonneuve W.) Thesis title: "An Analytics Model For Assessing The Costs And Benefits Of Training And Utilizing Auxillary Health

Personnel With Application To The Canadian Dental Therapy Program."

### MONDAY, APRIL 27

DONALD GUTZMAN at 2 p.m. in H-769 (1455 de Maisonneuve W.) "Studies Of The Trace Metal Speciation By Conventional And Laser Thermal Lensing Spectrometry: The Case Of Copper In Iron Hydrous Oxides." ANDREW MOLLOY at 10 a.m. in H-769 (1455 de Maisonneuve W.) Thesis Title: "The Political Economy of Western Canadian Regionalism."

## ART GALLERY

The Concordia Art Gallery is located in the Henry F. Hall Bldg. (Mezzanine Level), 1455 de Maisonneuve Blvd. W. Information: 848-4750.

### UNTIL APRIL 18

#### Robert Ayre: The Critic and the Collection

Monday - Friday 10:00 - 20:00 Saturday 10:00 - 17:00

#### In Absentia - photographs from the permanent collection

(In Display Cases) Monday - Friday 10:00 - 20:00 Saturday 10:00 - 17:00

Events, notices and ads must reach the Public Relations Department (BC-115) in writing no later than Friday, 5 p.m., the week prior to Thursday publication. Contact Johanne De Cubellis at 848-4881 or FAX 848-2814.

## NOTICES

### International Student Office

**HOT SWEET HOST.** The Homestay Programme: It's back. You know...the one-week stay with Canadian hosts for International students arriving for the first time to Concordia University. Take full advantage of a unique chance to learn about another culture while providing an International student with a friendly environment and some time to adjust to a new society. 100 hosts needed! Call now or drop by! International Student Office, 2135 Mackay, 3rd Floor (M-301). Information: 848-3516.

### International Student Office

**THE WELCOME PROGRAMME:** help a newly-arrived International student with practical matters, such as registration or finding a place to live. You know your way around: share your expertise! A few hours a month is all it takes. Pretty good time investment to find out about a different culture first-hand, eh? Call or drop by the International Student Office for more information: 848-3516. 2135 Mackay, room M-301.

### Concordia Physics Students' Association

The CPSA's deadline for applications for executive positions is Friday, April 3rd. For an application form, contact Robert Graves at 848-7417.

### The Norris Library Media Centre

"Stepping Through Your Tax Returns" & "Votre déclaration étape par étape". A recent addition to the collection of the Norris Media Centre. The videos act as a personal coach to help the individual complete his/her own tax return. The video takes you through the return and schedules, allowing you to stop or pause the tape as you see fit. Symbols identify each step of the return and subjects of special interest that relate to seniors, students and families. Tapes may be used in the Norris Library Media Centre or borrowed for a 3-day-loan period. For more information call 848-7714.

### Weight Watchers at Work Programme

Information-Registration session to be held on April 21 at SGW Campus and April 23 at Loyola Campus, for **Staff and Faculty!** For information call Julie Lagarde, Staff Training & Development Office at 848-3687.

### Ombuds Office

The Ombudspersons are available to any member of the University for information, advice and assistance with University-related complaints and problems. Call 848-4964 or drop into 2100 Mackay, Sir George Williams Campus. Evening appointments on request.

### Legal Information Service

The Legal Information Service is available for information and counselling. If you have problems with your landlord, or with a contract that you signed, or you are looking for information on divorce, **WE CAN HELP!!** Contact us at 848-4960 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Come and see us in Room CC-326, 7141 Sherbrooke St. W., Loyola Campus. For students, staff and faculty, this service is **Free and Confidential**.

### Sexual Harassment Officer

The Sexual Harassment Officer can provide you with support, guidance and information on any matter to do with sexual harassment. All inquiries are completely **Confidential**. Call Sally Spilhaus at 848-4857, or drop in at K-110, 2150 Bishop.

### Services for Disabled Students

Innovative programs and workshops are special feature of services for Disabled Students. Specially designed workshops on use of adaptive computer equipment for university study and future employment are regularly scheduled. Orientation programs for volunteers and Sign Language workshops are also offered throughout the year. For more information and applications. Contact: 848-3525/3511 (Voice/TDD), SGW Campus in H-580 or 848-3503/3536 (Voice/TDD), Loyola Campus in AD-121.

### Health Services

Health Services Provides a confidential, individualized and comprehensive approach to health care which includes counselling and teaching related to both physical and emotional well-being. The centre provides the opportunity for Concordia students, staff and faculty to meet with health professionals in order to explore areas of concern. Whether you are feeling unwell, stressed or just curious about health issues, you are invited to drop in at the following locations: **Loyola Campus:** 6935 Sherbrooke Street West, Room Ch-101 (848-3575) Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. **Sir George Williams Campus:** 2155 Guy Street, Rm 407 (848-3565) Hours: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday to Friday.

### Registrar's Services

**GRADUATING?** All students completing certificate, degree or diploma requirements during the summer 1992 session who therefore expect to graduate this fall must apply to do so by July 15th, 1992. Fall 1992 graduation application forms are available at the Registrar's Services department on each campus. Students who do not apply by July 15th will not graduate this fall.

### Peer Helper Centre

All students are welcome to drop in at the Peer Helper Centre, 2130 Bishop, downstairs. The hours are Monday - Thursday, 12 noon to 6 p.m., no appointment necessary. Student helpers are trained to assist in problem-solving, and to provide information, support and referrals. Stress, academic and personal problems, bureaucratic hassles and financial dilemmas, are all reasons why students consult with peer helpers. You will get a friendly reception, skilled, accessible help, and if you like, a free coffee or tea! There is also a small, but excellent self-help lending library. All services are free and confidential. Call 848-2859.

### Indigenous Peoples International

Indigenous Peoples International meets regularly on Fridays at 2020 Mackay, room 204 at 7 p.m. All welcome. Information: 848-7410-7443.

### Amateur Radio Club

Register now for beginner amateur radio classes to be held every Wednesday night 7 to 10 p.m., January to April. Also, intensive 1 weekend session for engineers and home study program available. All \$50, books included. For more info: 848-7421.

### Tax Return Service '92

Attention All Students! CAS, in association with CIA, wants you to participate in **Tax Return Service '92**. Pick up tax returns, fill them out, hand them back, or audit the returns, IT'S UP TO YOU! Sign up at the CAS office. GM-211-12 (1550 de Maisonneuve W.) Recruiting representatives will also be visiting your classes soon.

See **BACK PAGE** on page 15



**INFO-CONCORDIA**  
**En français: 848-7369**